

ANNUAL REPORTS

For The Year 1956



TOWN OF
HARWICH

1956

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

HARWICH



FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1956

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Park Commissioners

Emulous E. Hall, Jr.	Term expires	March 1959
Reginald P. Kendall (Resigned)	Term expires	March 1958
Charles E. Dunbar (Appointed)	Term expires	March 1957
William C. Chase	Term expires	March 1957

Water Commissioners

Norman O. Nickerson	Term expires	March 1959
Francis J. Hibbert	Term expires	March 1958
Harold Thompson	Term expires	March 1957

Cemetery Commissioners

Ambrose Nickerson	Term expires	March 1959
Rodney O'Brien	Term expires	March 1958
John R. S. Handren	Term expires	March 1957

Trustees Broadbrooks Free Library

Mildred B. Paine	Term expires	March 1959
Hillary M. LeClaire	Term expires	March 1958
Charlotte P. Sims	Term expires	March 1957

Planning Board

Ralph B. Snow	Term expires	March 1961
C. William Johnson	Term expires	March 1960
Esther A. Stidstone	Term expires	March 1959
Roswell H. Nye	Term expires	March 1958
Edwin W. Dybing	Term expires	March 1957

Recreation Commissioners

Earle F. Bassett	Term expires	March 1961
Alice C. Morris	Term expires	March 1960
Forrest Eaton	Term expires	March 1959
Raymond H. Grayson	Term expires	March 1958
Virginia S. Doane	Term expires	March 1957

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Finance Committee

Alfred Carter	Term expires March 1959
Carlton E. Chandler	Term expires March 1959
Irvin Phipps	Term expires March 1959
Henry Higgins	Term expires March 1958
Wilfred Adams (Resigned)	Term expires March 1958
Guy O. Putnam (Appointed)	Term expires March 1957
Thomas Wright (Resigned)	Term expires March 1958
Ralph Cashen, Sr. (Appointed)	Term expires March 1957
Alfred Paine	Term expires March 1957
Asahel E. Drake	Term expires March 1957
George C. Baldwin, Chm.	Term expires March 1957

Registrars of Voters

Cleon S. Crowell, Chm.	Term expires March 1959
Joseph V. Gavin	Term expires March 1958
Helena T. Maguire	Term expires March 1957

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Victor S. Ryder	Term expires March 1957
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Superintendent of Moth Department

Walter E. Cahoon	Term expires March 1957
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Inspector of Animals

Hilliard E. Hopkins	Term expires March 1957
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Inspector of Slaughtering

Hilliard E. Hopkins	Term expires March 1957
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Surveyor of Wood and Lumber

Roswell H. Nye	Term expires March 1957
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Wire Inspector

Bradford L. Barrett	Term expires March 1957
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Building Inspector

Winslow B. Sawyer	Term expires March 1957
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Plumbing Inspector

Courtenay N. Chase	Term expires March 1957
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Field Drivers and Fence Viewers

C. Conrad Nickerson	Term expires March 1957
Charles S. Hartig	Term expires March 1957
Horace F. Wixon	Term expires March 1957

Protective By-Law Board of Appeals

West Harwich:	Term expires March 1963
Member	Ralph B. Cummings
Associate Member	John C. Tracy, Jr.
Pleasant Lake:	Term expires 1962
Member	Donald T. Bates
Associate Member	Wilbur H. Crowell
East Harwich:	Term expires March 1961
Member	Leland H. McKenney
Associate Member	Charles W. Chase
Harwich Port:	Term expires March 1960
Member	Peter Barber
Associate Member	Raymond H. Grayson
Harwich Center:	Term expires March 1959
Member	Charlotte P. Sims
Associate Member	C. Earl Chase
South Harwich:	Term expires March 1958
Member	Herbert R. Morse
Associate Member	Amadee S. Mazzur
North Harwich:	Term expires March 1957
Member	John S. Raneo
Associate Member	William L. Chandler

Veterans' Agent

Harry B. Albro	Term expires March 1957
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Shellfish Warden

Roger W. Munsey	Term expires March 1957
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Harbor Masters

Watson J. Small—	
(Wytchmere Harbor)	Term expires March 1957
Rupert P. Nichols—	
(Allens Harbor)	Term expires March 1957
Roger W. Munsey—(Town)	Term expires March 1957

Wharfinger

Joseph L. Ellis	Term expires March 1957
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Chief of Police

C. Conrad Nickerson Term expires March 1957

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Charles A. Hall Term expires March 1957

Town Accountant

Douglas B. Sawyer Term expires March 1959

Civil Defense Director

Charles S. Hartig Term expires March 1957

Town Counsel

Oscar J. Cahoon Term expires April 1957

Secretary to Selectmen and Assessors

Charlotte W. Morey Term expires March 1957

**Clerk—(Town Treasurer, Town Clerk,
Tax Collector & Town Accountant)**

Dorothy M. Ellis Term expires March 1957

Dog Officer

Hilliard E. Hopkins Term expires March 1957

Health Officer

Dr. F. L. Moore Term expires March 1957

Sanitary Inspector and Collector of Milk Samples

Ernest C. Eldredge Term expires March 1957

Welfare Agent

Olive L. Williams

Social Worker

Madeline M. Galeckie

Junior Clerk & Typist

Mary L. Snow

Town Nurse

Adelyn J. Peabody

Trustees Caleb Chase Fund

Douglas B. Sawyer	Term expires March 1959
Norman O. Nickerson	Term expires March 1958
Henry F. Smith	Term expires March 1957

Town Forest Committee

Doris Doane	Term expires March 1959
Donald T. Bates	Term expires March 1958
Joseph E. Craffey	Term expires March 1957

Custodian Town Office Building

Suso A. Jussila

Registered Land Surveyor

Benjamin P. Chase

Custodian Town Dump

James L. Smith

Report of the Selectmen

In accordance with instructions of the townspeople the Selectmen directed the following projects during the year:

A contract was awarded for two additional jetties and sand fill at Red River beach in South Harwich from Uncle Venies Road to the Chatham line.

The purchase of two new police cruisers was put out to bid and the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder—Hall Buick Inc. of Orleans.

A committee of nine persons were appointed to study the conditions and utility of the several town buildings; to determine the advisability of repairing, altering, selling, destroying or maintaining in their present condition each of these buildings. The committee appointed also made a study of the space needs of each of the town departments. The results of their investigation appear elsewhere in the Town Report.

There was a committee appointed to determine the most satisfactory method of expending the \$1,000 for the celebration of July 4, 1956 and likewise a report of this committee appears elsewhere in the Town Report.

Four band concerts were given this past summer at Brooks Park in Harwich. One by the Chatham Band and the other three by the Orleans Band.

The Selectmen have been in touch with the owners and abutters of the proposed harbor lands to determine their feelings in this matter. We have discussed the proposals with the State Division of Waterways and the Corps of U.S. Army Engineers and have studied various harbors and marinas in the Cape area. We feel these projects require additional study and that the facts should be placed before the townspeople to enable them to evaluate the whole picture. In part this is an attempt to improve our facilities for recreation in order to present an attractive town. We do not want to defeat that purpose by undertaking projects which will increase the tax rate to an unattractive level. We feel it is possible, with proper planning, to relieve the over-crowded harbors while maintaining a sensible rate.

ALTON E. WALKER, Chairman
STEPHEN WEEKES
EMULOUS E. HALL

Harwich Board of Selectmen

Report of the Assessors

Valuation of the Town—Dec. 31, 1956	\$14,769,750.00
Valuation of the Town—Dec. 31, 1955	14,192,350.00

Increase in valuation	\$577,400.00
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Valuation of land exclusive of buildings	\$2,723,060.00
Valuation of buildings exclusive of land	10,845,470.00

Total Valuation of land & buildings	\$13,568,530.00
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Valuation of Personal Estate:

Stock in Trade	\$54,700.00
Machinery	456,910.00
Live Stock	710.00
All other tangible property	688,900.00

	1,201,220.00
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	\$14,769,750.00
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Taxes levied:

Tax on Real Estate	\$664,857.97
Tax on Personal Property	58,859.78
Tax on Polls	2,436.00

	\$726,153.75
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Tax rate—\$49.00 per thousand

Added valuation:

Real Estate	\$16,570.00
Taxes on added real estate	811.93

Number of livestock assessed:

Horse	1
Cows	2
Swine	60
Fowl	150
Goats	1

Number of acres of land assessed	7,528.76
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Number of dwellings assessed	3,069
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Recapitulation

Total appropriation as certified by the Town Clerk	\$918,117.67
Amount used from Available funds	7,479.38
Overlay Deficits	1,362.11
County Retirement	4,886.41
State Park & Reservations	762.60
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,262.89
Mosquito Control	4,959.99
Mosquito Control (underestimate of 1955)	14.95
County Tax	66,298.47
County tax (underestimate of 1955)	7,781.61
Overlay of Current Year	9,000.00
Final Court judgments—land taking	3,423.52
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Gross amount to be raised	\$1,025,349.60

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Income Tax	\$35,424.73
Corporation taxes	29,132.20
Old Age Tax (Meals)	1,794.84
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	40,048.77
Licenses	4,000.00
General Government	4,000.00
Charities (other than Federal Grants)	8,000.00
Old Age Assistance (other than Federal Grants)	32,872.44
Veterans' Services	2,955.47
Schools (funds from Income Tax not included)	7,000.00
Public Services (Water)	50,127.56
Court House Rent	1,250.00
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Total Estimated Receipts	\$216,606.01
Overestimates of previous year:	
State Parks	\$110.46
Amounts taken from Available Funds	82,479.38
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	\$299,195.85

Total amount to be raised	\$1,025,349.60
Total estimated receipts and available funds	299,195.85
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Net amount to be raised by taxation	\$726,153.75
Tax on Polls	\$2,436.00
Tax on Personal	58,859.78
Tax on Real Estate	664,857.97
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	\$726,153.75

EMULOUS E. HALL, Chairman
ALTON E. WALKER
STEPHEN WEEKES
Assessors of Harwich

TOWN OF HARWICH ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

MARCH 4, 1957

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Barnstable, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Harwich in said County,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the High School Auditorium in said Town on Monday, March 4, 1957 at 12 noon then and there to act on Article 1 and afterwards on the following day, Tuesday, March 5, 1957 at 7:30 P.M. to meet in Exchange Hall and act on the remaining articles.

Polls will be open at 12 noon and will close at 8:00 P.M.

Article 1. To Choose on one ballot the following Town Officers and Committees: Moderator, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes for one year; one Selectman, Overseer of Public Welfare and the Board of Health for three years; one Assessor for three years; one Recreation Committee for five years; three Constables for one year; one Trustee of Brooks Library for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; one Tree Warden for three years; two School Committee for three years; one Park Commissioner for three years; one Park Commissioner for one year; one Water Commissioner for three years and one Planning Board Member for five years.

Article 2. To choose all other Town Officers and Committees.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1957 and to issue a note or notes therefore payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17 Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 4. To hear the report of all Town Officers and Committees for the year of 1956.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to defray Town charges for the calendar year of 1957 and to act fully thereon.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90, Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used with whatever State and County funds are available under Chapter 90, Road Construction and to act fully thereon.

Article 8. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the Herring Fisheries for the year of 1957 and to act fully thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of holding Band Concerts in the summer of 1957 and to act fully thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to be used under the direction of the Board of Selectmen to properly celebrate and observe July 4, 1957 and to act fully thereon.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be expended under the direction of the library trustees for furniture and furnishings in the west room of Brooks Free Library on the second floor of Brooks Block, this room to be used for the children's and young people's library and to act fully thereon.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$925) to be expended under the direction of the library trustees for the necessary carpentry work, painting, lighting and furnishings for the south room in Brooks Free Library on the second floor of Brooks Block, this room to be used as the Art Room for the Rogers Groups and to act fully thereon.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to expend the refunded Dog Tax for the support of Brooks Free Library and to act fully thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$950) to purchase a new police cruiser and equipment and to authorize the Selectmen to trade the 1956 Buick cruiser now owned by the town, the sum received from said trade to be used toward the purchase of the new car and to act fully thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$950) to purchase a new police cruiser and equipment and to authorize the Selectmen to trade the 1956 Buick cruiser now owned by the town, the sum received from said trade to be used toward the purchase of the new car and to act fully thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7,500) for the purpose of purchasing a power wagon type truck for the Fire Department, said truck to replace the 1935 Ford tank truck now in service and to act fully thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) for the purchase of 300 feet of 2½ inch double jacket fire hose and 500 feet of 1½ inch double jacket fire hose and to act fully thereon.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee which will study and recommend to the Town the way or ways for meeting the problem of school space needs; the committee shall consist of the five members of the School Committee, as it is constituted from time to time, and five other members, to be appointed within thirty days of this meeting by the Selectmen; and that the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) be raised and appropriated for the expenses of this committee and to act fully thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-eight hundred dollars (\$3,800) for the purchase and installation of a new burner at Harwich High School and to act fully thereon.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to be added to the sum appropriated in 1956 for the purchase and installation of an auxiliary generator and to act fully thereon.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to be used in planting shade trees along town accepted ways under Chapter 87 and to act fully thereon.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to prepare the proper plans for the purpose of taking by purchase or eminent domain the low lands, lands of low value and where it is necessary for access purposes, the immediate uplands adjoining Andrews River on the south side of Rte. 28 to the ocean for boating and recreational purposes and to report at the next annual town meeting of 1958 and to act fully thereon.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to abandon all and any rights that may have been acquired in a way leading from Pleasant Lake Avenue across and by the residence of John J. Rose, Jr. to the residence of Theodore Canto and Philip Perez and to act fully thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase or take by eminent domain the land on the south side of Rte. 28 and east of Herring River, said parcel belonging in part to Judith L. Davis and others. Said property is bounded northerly by the State Highway; easterly and southerly by land of James J. Falvey et ux; easterly by Marshall Siebenmann et ux and Margaret L. Forbes et al Mary T. Forbes; southerly by John L. Doherty et ux and westerly by Herring River, meaning and intending to purchase or take by eminent domain the Davis property and marshland southerly of the State Highway to the upland of John L. Doherty et ux, said parcel of land to be purchased or taken by eminent domain for the purpose of a town landing and harbor facilities and to act fully thereon.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain certain swampland, lowland and land of low value, and where it is necessary to access purposes, the immediate upland in the

vicinity of Allen Harbor Creek, and north of Lower County Road, for the purpose of protecting the Public Health and recreational purposes, said lands being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the northerly side line of Lower County Road, which point is 350 feet more or less easterly from the easterly side line of Nehoiden Road, so called; thence running northwesterly 725 feet more or less by lands of Whitehouse Properties Inc. and owners unknown to a point; thence running northeasterly 350 feet more or less by land of owner unknown and land of one Trainer to a point; thence running southeasterly 900 feet more or less by lands of said Trainer, Louis Handler et ux and Frederick Crowell to a point; thence running southerly 500 feet more or less by land of said Crowell and land of Alexander B. Stewart et ux to a point; thence running westerly by land of said Stewart 250 feet more or less to a point; thence running northwesterly by lands of said Stewart et ux 275 feet more or less to a point; thence running southwest-erly 550 feet more or less by land of said Stewart et ux to Lower County Road; thence running westerly by Lower County Road 200 feet more or less to the point of beginning, as shown on a plan entitled "Proposed Land Taking at Allen's Harbor, Harwich Port", filed with the Board of Selectmen and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose and to act fully thereon.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of dredging Allen's Harbor, being 25% of the cost, providing the State contributes 75% under Chapter 90 or any amendments thereto and to act fully thereon.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be used for harbor improvements at Little Round Cove in East Harwich, being 25% of the cost, providing the State contributes 75% under Chapter 90 or any amendments thereto and act fully thereon.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be used in harbor improvements, including dredging, at Wychmere Harbor in Harwich Port, being 25% of the cost, providing the State contributes 75% under Chapter 90 or any amendments thereto and to act fully thereon.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) for the purpose of purchasing Christmas decorations for the Town Office Building and to act fully thereon.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to be expended for recreation and amusement in the form of baseball and to act fully thereon.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to request the Selectmen that no "Off premise" sign permits will be issued for such signs to be on Town Ways except as may be granted by the Appeal Board and then only when actual hardship has been proved and authorized by the Selectmen of the Town—and to see if the Town will vote to request the Selectmen to erect, where needed, directional and street identification signs that will be similar to the signs now used by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, and to see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for this purpose and to act fully thereon.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) for the purpose of constructing a basement for an assembly room, a central heating system and inside toilet facilities in the Recreation Building on Sisson Road and to act fully thereon.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) in promoting Cranberry Harvest days at Harwich, said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Harwich Chamber of Commerce and the Harwich Board of Selectmen and to act fully thereon.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) to be used under the direction of the Selectmen to provide skating facilities in the Town of Harwich and to act fully thereon.

Article 35. Providing that the Town shall previously have voted by ballot in favor of fluoridation, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to carry into effect the fluoridation of the Town's water supply and to act fully thereon.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a committee of seven to study the feasibility of building a municipal auditorium and police station. Said committee to report its findings and recommendations at the 1958 Annual Town Meeting. Said committee to provide alternate plans as to location and type of construction and that the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) be appropriated which may be spent by the said committee for

the hiring of architects and the making of plans and for all other incidental purposes and to act fully thereon.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five hundred dollars (\$4,500) for the purpose of purchasing a new truck for the Highway Department and to authorize the Highway Surveyor to trade the old truck and the sum from same to be used toward the purchase of a new truck and to act fully thereon.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$725) for the purpose of purchasing a new snow plow for the Highway Department and to act fully thereon.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to install a drainage system to take care of the surface water from Cross Street and Pleasant Street and Freeman Street to Route #28 in Harwich Port and to act fully thereon.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sale by the Highway Surveyor to the highest bidder under sealed bids, the Stockland Grader now used in the Highway Department and to act fully thereon.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sale by the Highway Surveyor to the highest bidder under sealed bids, all the iron junk no longer used by the Department and to act fully thereon.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sale by the Highway Surveyor to the highest bidder under sealed bids, the Wisconsin Air Cooled Engine now used in the Highway Department and to act fully thereon.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-nine hundred dollars (\$6,900) for the purchase of a new tractor with a front end loader and to authorize the Highway Surveyor to trade the old Ford tractor with the front end loader and the sum from same to be used toward the purchase of the new apparatus and to act fully thereon.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400) to extend the sidewalk on the north side of Sisson Road in Harwich from the High School to the residence of Arthur Chase and to act fully thereon.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out Orton Road in South Harwich, leading from South Chatham Road northerly to a turn around and back to South Chatham Road and to act fully thereon.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out Nevins Lane in West Harwich leading from Depot Road to Arbutus Avenue as approved by the Harwich Planning Board and to act fully thereon.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out Arbutus Avenue in West Harwich leading from Depot Road to a dead end as approved by the Harwich Planning Board and to act fully thereon.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out Hudson Lane in West Harwich leading from Lower County Road northerly and westerly by Pleasant Road and to act fully thereon.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-eight hundred dollars (\$2,800) for the purpose of widening and resurfacing Parallel Street in Harwich from Bank Street to South Street and to act fully thereon.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to widen and improve Oak Street in Harwich Center from the residence of Ada Nichols north to Queen Anne Road and to act fully thereon.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to surface the unsurfaced portion of Long Road in Harwich and to act fully thereon.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to resurface the street designed on the town map as Colonial Way in Harwich Port and to act fully thereon.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven hundred dollars (\$1,100) for the purpose of widening and hardening Robbins Road in Harwich Port leading easterly from South Street to Forest Street in Harwich and to act fully thereon.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) to be added to the sum appropriated under Article 40 in the annual warrant of 1956 for the erection of a comfort station with plumbing equipment and cesspools on the Old School-

house Parking lot in Harwich Port; construction and operation to be under the jurisdiction of the Park Commissioners; booths to be coin operated, all receipts to be returned to the general treasury, and to act fully thereon.

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to be added to the sum appropriated under Article 38 in the annual warrant of 1956 to build an additional tennis court at Brooks Park and to act fully thereon.

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Park Commissioners to perform day labor in the parks, and to determine the hourly wage to be paid to such commissioners and to act fully thereon.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to rescind all actions taken at previous Town Meetings whereby the Town voted to require that all water extensions have a 6% guarantee and to act fully thereon.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to be used by the Board of Water Commissioners to purchase a new truck for the Water Department, and to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to sell or trade in a 1948 truck now in use and to apply the money received against the purchase price of the new truck and to act fully thereon.

Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be used by the Board of Water Commissioners for extending water mains where requested, provided the estimated income is at least 6% of the cost of installation and to act fully thereon.

Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to extend the water mains from Lower County Road along Mandeville Road (a town way) a distance of approximately 575 feet and to act fully thereon.

Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to extend and maintain water mains to and along First Avenue (Sequatton Road) from Pleasant Lake Avenue, easterly to the end of the town road, and to act fully thereon.

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to extend the water mains to and on Joe Lincoln Road in West Harwich and to act fully thereon.

Article 63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to install and maintain water mains on Green Needle Lane and Pine Needle Lane in West Harwich, extending from Lower County Road southerly along Green Needle Lane and southerly along Pine Needle Lane and to act fully thereon. Easements are registered in the Land Court Registry of Deeds.

Article 64. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to connect the water mains along Gorham Road in Harwich Port from the residence of Harold Eldridge to the residence of Arthur Gorham and to act fully thereon.

Article 65. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Water Department's construction account the following balances:

Art. 47—1955 Town Meeting— Uncle Venies Road	\$654.10
Art. 48—1955 Town Meeting— Kelley St. to Lothrop Ave.	3,292.61
Art. 49—1955 Town Meeting— Ginger Plum Lane	1,803.68
Art. 54—1955 Town Meeting— Pleasant Lake Ave.	2,571.90
Art. 55—1955 Town Meeting— Queen Anne Road—East	1,008.20
Art. 57—1955 Town Meeting— Brooks Road	117.65
Art. 62—1956 Town Meeting— Oak Street	250.76
Art. 65—1956 Town Meeting— Brooks Rd. & Dunes Rd.	959.08
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	\$12,466.18

these sums to be used to construct and install water mains on public streets or ways as the Board of Water Commissioners shall determine and to act fully thereon.

Article 66. To see if the Town will assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Public Works of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of rivers, harbors, tide waters and foreshores in accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 91 of the General

Laws, and to authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor to the Commonwealth and to act fully thereon.

Article 67. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Harwich by inserting under Article VIII, General Provisions, after Section 1., the following:

“Section 2. No town officer acting on behalf of the Town shall make any contract or agreement in which such officer has any personal financial interest, direct or indirect.” and to act fully thereon.

Article 68. To see if the Town will vote to accept and adopt the following changes in the Protective By-Law of the Town of Harwich:

Under Section I—Establishment of Districts in Paragraph (b), delete the present wording in this paragraph and substitute the following:

“The Industrial District shall be located as follows: From the Dennis Town Line west of Depot Street, North Harwich, along the north side of the New Haven Railroad tracks easterly to include area on the northside of railroad tracks to the south side of Great Western Road to a point approximately 500 feet west of railroad crossing, continuing north of railroad tracks 1,000 feet deep easterly to Lothrop Avenue; thence continuing 200 feet north side of railroad tracks east of Lothrop Avenue to the Old Chatham Road Railroad Bridge. Also from Dennis Town Line easterly on the south side of the railroad tracks 1,000 feet in depth to the railroad crossing, continuing 1,000 feet in depth easterly south of Great Western Road to the junction of the Old Chatham Road or Kelley Street, including the narrow strip of land between the railroad tracks and the north side of Great Western Road from the railroad crossing through to the road leading to Holmes oil plant.” and to act fully thereon.

Article 69. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote under article 34 of the annual Town Meeting February 14, 1955, whereby the Town accepted and adopted the relocation and alteration of Deep Hole Road in South Harwich leading from Old County Road southerly to Nantucket Sound and to act fully thereon.

Article 70. To see if the Town will vote to establish a standing committee on government for the purpose of studying any and all possibilities for improving the Town Government; to authorize this committee to investigate any and all phases of Town Government; to instruct this committee to

make an annual written report of its findings and recommendations to the town; the said committee to consist of seven members to be appointed by the Moderator; one from each post office district and any vacancies occurring thereafter shall be filled by a vote of a majority of the remaining committee members. Said committee shall continue in operation until terminated by a vote of the town at an annual town meeting and to act fully thereon.

Article 71. To see if the town will vote to accept and adopt the following changes in the By-Laws of the Town of Harwich by inserting after section 3 of Article VI the following new sections:

Section 4. The Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to coordinate the planning and operations of the Highway, Water, Police and Fire Department heads as well as that of all appointed officials in order to obtain the best possible results and to eliminate wasteful labor and expense for the benefit of the taxpayers and other residents of Harwich.

Section 5. The Board of Selectmen shall bring to the attention of the voters of the town at a public meeting any project involving the expenditure of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more, three weeks prior to any regular or special town meeting, in order to report in proper detail the advantages and disadvantages which will result from such project and costs and to act fully thereon.

Article 72. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money, either by transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury or by issuance of a loan or both for the purpose of repairing, painting and renovating the Exchange Building, as recommended by the report of the Building Committee acting under article 75 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1956 and to act fully thereon.

Article 73. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to sell at public auction the Exchange Building as recommended by the report of the Building Committee acting under article 75 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1956 and to act fully thereon.

Article 74. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a committee of three to negotiate with any approved Historical Society, State or otherwise for the possibility of taking over and maintaining the Exchange Building as a Historical site and to report back to the next annual meeting as recommended by the Building Committee acting under Article 75 of the annual Town Meeting of 1956 and to act fully thereon.

Article 75. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for aerial mosquito control work and to act fully thereon.

Article 76. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for unpaid bills of previous years as provided for in Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1941 and to act fully thereon.

Article 77. To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Highland Avenue in South Harwich leading from State Highway (Rte. #28) easterly to Uncle Venies Road as reported and recommended by the Selectmen under date of February 15, 1957 and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to take by purchase or eminent domain the lands or interests in the lands within said layout and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose and to act fully thereon.

Article 78. To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Railroad Avenue in Harwich (Center) leading from Pleasant Lake Avenue easterly to Oak Street as reported and recommended by the Selectmen under date of February 15, 1957 and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to take by purchase or eminent domain the lands or interests in the lands within said layout and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose and to act fully thereon.

Article 79. To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of Lincoln Village Road in Harwich Port leading from the State Highway (Rte. #28) southerly to a dead end as reported and recommended by the Selectmen under date of February 15, 1957 and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to take by purchase or eminent domain the lands or interests in the lands within said layout and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose and to act fully thereon.

Article 80. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain for the use of the Water Department for a well field the land situated in East Harwich and bounded and described as follows: Northerly by Pleasant Bay Road by two lines about 747 and 719 feet; easterly by owners unknown about 1,200 feet; southerly by owners unknown about 1,550 feet and westerly by the lands of Ralph B. Allen et al, Frank E. Sweetser, Roland J. Conway et ux, Charles H. Schmelzer et ux, Harold F. Shaffer et ux, Thomas M. Wright et ux, Albert T. Chesbro et ux, Grace

H. Congdon and C. J. Landen Co., Inc., according to plan drawn by Benjamin P. Chase, dated February 15, 1957 and filed with the Board of Selectmen and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose and to act fully thereon.

Article 81. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or available funds a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the 1957 tax rate and to act fully thereon.

Article 82. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following unexpended balance of special appropriations to surplus revenue and to act fully thereon.

Art. 18—1956—Driveway & Parking Area— Fire Station	\$884.92
Art. 19—1956—Auxiliary Generator— Fire Dept.	2.37
Art. 48—1956—Widening & Resurfacing Elwood Rd.	.70
Art. 49—1956—Widening & Resurfacing Sunset Rd.	1.87
Art. 51—1956—Widening & Resurfacing Clifford Rd.	1.36
Art. 20.—1956—Driveway— South St. to Sisson Rd. (School)	65.00
Art. 11—1956—Fourth of July celebration 1956	156.18
Art. 68—1956—Painting & Repairing Water Tank Kildee Hill	1,684.84
Art 69—1956—Purchasing New Tractor for Water Dept.	29.56
Art. 80—Unpaid bills	34.18
Art. 57—1954—Hardening & Improving Victory Drive	.97
Art. 55—1954—Widening & Resurfacing Earle Terrace	2.80
Art. 58—1953—Hardening & Improving Long Pond Drive	.20
Art. 78—1955—Grading & Surfacing Trumet Rd.	.45
Art. 17—1955—Connect two sets of Bleachers Brooks Park	1.64
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	\$2,867.04

Hereof fail not and make returns of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 1st day of February, 1957.

ALTON E. WALKER

STEPHEN WEEKES

EMULOUS E. HALL

Selectmen of Harwich

A true copy:

Attest:

C. Conrad Nickerson, Constable

Report of the Collector of Taxes

1956

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1955

Outstanding January 1, 1956	\$1,858.35
Refunds	7.80

\$1,866.15

Payments to Treasurer	\$1,681.29	
Abatements	70.98	
Outstanding December 31, 1956	113.88	

\$1,866.15

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1956

Commitments as per Warrant	\$58,859.78
Refunds	80.85

\$58,940.63

Payments to Treasurer	\$55,680.26	
Abatements	808.90	
Outstanding December 31, 1956	2,451.47	

\$58,940.63

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1955

Outstanding January 1, 1956	\$24,144.36
Refunds	236.17

\$24,380.53

Payments to Treasurer	\$23,958.16	
Abatements	363.09	
Tax Titles Taken	59.28	

\$24,380.53

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1956

Commitments as per Warrants	\$665,669.90
Refunds	1,156.89

\$666,826.79

Payments to Treasurer	\$625,685.35	
Abatements	9,773.54	
Added to Tax Titles	94.57	
Outstanding December 31, 1956	31,273.33	

\$666,826.79

POLL TAXES—1955

Outstanding January 1, 1956		\$24.00
Re-Committed March 1, 1956		2.00
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		\$26.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$22.00	
Abatements	4.00	
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		\$26.00

POLL TAXES—1956

Commitments as per Warrants		\$2,436.00
Refunds		2.00
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		\$2,438.00
Payments to Treasurer	\$1,830.00	
Abatements	598.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1956	10.00	
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		\$2,438.00

MOTOR EXCISE TAXES—1955

Outstanding January 1, 1956		\$2,060.90
Commitments as per Warrants		2,953.09
Refunds		125.11
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		\$5,139.10
Payments to Treasurer	\$4,623.82	
Abatements	515.28	
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		\$5,139.10

MOTOR EXCISE TAXES—1956

Commitments as per Warrants		\$50,782.45
Refunds		729.69
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		\$51,512.14
Payments to Treasurer	\$43,682.57	
Abatements	2,760.28	
Outstanding December 31, 1956	5,069.29	
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		\$51,512.14

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE V. NICKERSON,

Collector of Taxes

Report of the Welfare Department

To the Citizens of the Town of Harwich:

The following report of money expended for the year 1956, including all categories of relief with an average case load of 111 per month, shows a total of \$118,581.04 for aid rendered and receipts of \$97,628.68. Administration shows a total of \$10,877.73 expended and receipts of \$4,275.26.

Total Expenditures Welfare Aid	\$118,581.04
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Welfare:

Outside Poor (16)	\$5,470.27
Harwich Cases, Other Towns (4)	1,900.64
Poor Other Towns (8)	3,255.50
State Cases (6)	3,288.17
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Total (39 cases aided)	\$13,914.58

Old Age Assistance:

Paid from Town Fund	46,500.00
Paid from U.S. Federal Fund	28,640.67
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Total (84 cases aided)	75,140.67

Aid to Dependent Children:

Paid from Town Fund	11,000.00
Paid from U.S. Federal Grant	8,338.50
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Total (16 cases aided)	19,338.50

Disability Assistance:

Paid from Town Fund	8,700.00
Paid from U.S. Federal Grant	1,487.29
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Total (5 cases aided)	10,187.29

Total Receipts Welfare Aid:

	97,628.68
O.A.A. U.S. Federal Grant	27,605.75
A.D.C. U.S. Federal Grant	8,707.67
D.A. U.S. Federal Grant	2,089.85
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	38,403.27

O.A.A. Other Cities & Towns	1,840.33	
O.A.A. State	34,489.92	
O.A.A. Recovery Account	5,773.60	
A.D.C. State	6,821.22	
D.A. State	4,925.66	
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		53,850.73

Welfare—State	2,271.50	
Welfare—Other Cities & Towns	3,103.18	
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		5,374.68

Total Expenses for Welfare Administration \$10,877.73

Salaries paid from Town		
Appropriation	6,050.00	
Salaries paid from U.S.		
Federal Grant Adm.	4,030.00	
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		10,080.00

Salaries:

Board of Welfare	900.00	
Welfare Agent	3,600.00	
Social Worker	3,120.00	
Jr. Clerk & Typist	2,460.00	
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		10,080.00

Other Expense:

Travel	230.60	
Office Supplies	113.62	
Postage	71.63	
Office Equipment	223.48	
Other	158.40	
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Total Other Expenses		797.73

Total Federal Grant Administration Receipts 4,275.26

Old Age Assistance	2,333.91	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,503.22	
Disability Assistance	438.13	
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		4,275.26

Administration Receipts—State:

Disability Assistance (to Accounts Receivable)	219.06	
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**SUMMARY OF WELFARE EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR
ENDING 1956 WITH COMPARISON OVER 1955:**

	1956	1955
Total cases aided	144	160
per month average	111	123
Expenditures:		
O.A.A.	\$75,140.67	\$76,797.82
	(84 cases)	(96 cases)
A.D.C.	19,338.50	16,754.08
	(16 cases)	(21 cases)
D.A.	10,187.29	6,253.51
	(5 cases)	(5 cases)
G.R.	13,914.58	13,998.96
	(39 cases)	(38 cases)
	<hr/> \$118,581.04	<hr/> \$113,804.37
Receipts—Federal, State, Other Cities and Towns:		
O.A.A.	63,936.00	65,598.93
A.D.C.	15,528.89	13,481.34
D.A.	7,015.51	4,440.69
G.R.	5,374.68	5,346.89
	<hr/> 91,855.08	<hr/> 88,867.85
Harwich Share of expenditures:		
O.A.A.	10,654.40	11,084.59
A.D.C.	3,946.03	2,448.81
D.A.	2,546.81	1,476.18
G.R.	7,370.91	8,651.28
	<hr/> 24,518.15	<hr/> 23,660.86
Medical Costs:		
O.A.A.	13,239.83	16,111.38
A.D.C.	1,185.27	1,281.58
D.A.	6,831.59	2,345.09
G.R.	2,702.64	4,166.29
	<hr/> 23,959.33	<hr/> 23,904.34

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVE L. WILLIAMS, Agent
STEPHEN WEEKES
ALTON E. WALKER
EMULOUS E. HALL

Board of Public Welfare

Report of the Water Department

To the Citizens of the Town of Harwich:

The Superintendent and Board of Water Commissioners submit for your consideration the 20th Annual Report of the Harwich Water Department.

Early in the year the Board organized with Francis J. Hibbert as Chairman and Harold A. Thompson as Secretary. Norman O. Nickerson was reelected to the Commission for a three year term at the annual election in February.

During the year the five (5) miles of water mains remaining from the seventeen (17) miles which had been voted at the 1955 Annual Town Meeting and the Special Town Meeting held on June 3, 1955 were installed except for the main on Depot Avenue, South Harwich, where a delay due to land taking for the purpose of widening and relocating the road prevented the completion of this project.

Authorized at the same Town Meetings was the construction of the three (3) Pumping Stations which are in effect complete. Only a small amount of painting remains to be done. Sealed bids for the building of these stations and a portion of the Access Roadway were received and opened on April 16. The results of the bids were as follows:

Anderson & Spinney	\$30,724.00
Frank Joy	27,594.00
S. R. Nickerson	27,500.00

S. R. Nickerson of Hyannis, the low bidder, was engaged to do this work. These buildings are of cement block construction and each has an A Type roof with heavy asphalt shingles.

Plans and specifications for the furnishing and installation of Pumping Equipment, Piping and Electrical Work were drawn up and bids submitted for this project were opened on May 2. A contract was signed with P. D. Granger of Sandwich for the bid price of \$54,234.13. Other bidders were:

D. L. Maher	\$56,300.00
Scott Bros.	62,778.00
R. H. White	54,770.10

Three electric motor driven deep well turbine pumps were installed, one in each station, and the required minimum output of these pumps reads as follows:

Station #1—600 Gallons of Water Per Minute

Station #2—300 Gallons of Water Per Minute

Station #3—500 Gallons of Water Per Minute

The three stations are now working automatically and the 1,000 G. P. M. Electric Pump at the Main Station will be in operation by spring.

Among the repairs and renovations accomplished this year was the overhauling of the Sterling Diesel Engine in the Main Station. The Buda gasoline engine was removed from the Main Station and placed in Station 3 as an additional standby in the event of a power failure. This change made room for the new 1,000 G. P. M. Pump and the 100 Horse Power Electric Motor. With these arrangements, we can depend upon an approximate output of 1,500 gallons of water per minute during a power failure and an output of 2,400 gallons of water per minute under normal operation. We now have adequate pumping facilities and water available to take care of immediate expansion. In view of this, we are increasing the subscribers' yearly allowance from 40,000 gallons of water to 50,000 gallons effective January 1, 1957.

The contracts for painting and repairing the Elevated Water Tank at Kildee Hill and the Standpipe at Brooks Park were awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, Roy O. Leonard, Framingham, Mass. The amount of his bids for painting the Elevated Tank and Standpipe was \$10,120.00 and \$4,220.00 respectively. The exterior surface of the Standpipe was power wire brushed wherever rust, scale, loose or blistered paint were present, and given one complete coat of paint. The entire interior was properly cleaned and two full coats of paint applied.

The Elevated Tank exterior was spot sandblasted where needed and these spots given two coats of paint prior to the finish coat. The interior of the tank and riser pipe were power sanded and received a subsequent three full coats of paint. The finished job on both tanks is most satisfactory and we wish to commend the Contractor for his fine work.

Under Article 69 at the Annual Town Meeting, a sum of money was appropriated for a new tractor, loader and trencher. Bids were received from the following:

Baker Tractor Co.	\$3,685.00
Bridgewater Equipment Co.	3,899.00
Fisk, Alden Co.	3,930.00
Southeastern Equipment Co.	4,250.00
Pesco Equipment Co.	5,000.00

The award was made to the low bidder, Baker Tractor Co.

The $\frac{3}{4}$ ton 1948 truck now owned by the Water Department has reached the point where it is expensive to maintain and we are requesting funds in an article to be inserted in the 1957 warrant for the purchase of a new one.

Total receipts for this year amounted to \$78,531.48. The expense of operating the department was \$52,605.06, the difference being returned to the general fund of the Town of Harwich.

During the year 213 service connections were made bringing the total to 2,053 installations. Bids for general water work supplies were invited and awards made to the following companies:

Neptune Meter Company	Meters and Fittings
Red Hed Mfg. Company	Brass Goods
Cement Line Pipe Company	Service Pipe
Publie Works Supply Company	Service Boxes

Whereas the work of the department has left the Town of Harwich well provided with water supply for the present, we urge the citizens to consider the acquisition of the parcel of land in East Harwich already shown to be an excellent location for wells which will be necessary in the future.

Appended are the statistics of the department for the year 1956:

Service Connections

Taking Water December 31, 1956	1,079
Seasonal Takers Shut-Off	856
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Total Services Used 1956	1,935
Services Not Used 1956	118
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Total Service Connections	2,053

New Service Installations

	1"	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	2"	Total
New Services installed	200	7	2	4	213
Length in feet	14,675'6"	812'	285'6"	332'6"	16,105'
Average length per service	73'8"	116'	143'	83'	75'6"
Cost to Department per foot					\$1.39
Average Charge per service					\$95.05

Miles of Mains by Sizes

	12"	10"	8"	6"	2"	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	1"	Total
1955 Total	.22	11.66	13.07	14.49	7.49	.61	.43	.02	48.17
1956 Added	2.86	1.51	2.17	.35	.49	.05	.01	none	7.47
1956 Total	3.08	13.17	15.24	14.84	7.98	.66	.44	.02	55.64

Hydrants

1955 Total	265
1956 Added	33
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1956 Total	298

1956 Main Line Construction

	Kind of Pipe	Size	Length
off Brooks Road	C. L. Wrought Iron	1½"	272'
Archibald Circle	C. L. Wrought Iron	2"	205'
off Chase Street	C. L. Wrought Iron	2"	267'
Elwood Road	C. L. Wrought Iron	2"	410'
Nevens Lane	C. L. Wrought Iron	2"	385'
Gordon Road	C. L. Wrought Iron	1¼"	88'
Arbutus Avenue	C. L. Wrought Iron	2"	427'
Gordon Ritchie Road	C. L. Wrought Iron	2"	74'
Gordon Road	C. L. Wrought Iron	2"	89'
Old Mill Point (Seaway)	C. L. Wrought Iron	2"	197'
Osborne Road	C. L. Wrought Iron	2"	167'
Bassett Lane	C. L. Wrought Iron	2"	375'
Old Mill Point (Pine Lane)	C. L. Cast Iron	6"	496'
Oak Street	C. L. Cast Iron	6"	576'
Brooks Road & Dunes Road	C. L. Cast Iron	6"	812'
Pleasant Lake Avenue	C. L. Cast Iron	8"	2,962'
Long Road	C. L. Cast Iron	10"	781'
Bank Street	C. L. Cast Iron	12"	295'
Lovers Lane	C. L. Cast Iron	12"	2,536'
Uncle Venies Road	C. L. Cast Iron	8"	1,628'
Forrest Street	C. L. Cast Iron	12"	860'
Queen Anne Road (East)	C. L. Cast Iron	10"	252'
Church Street	C. L. Cast Iron	10"	2,730'
Orleans Road (Rt. 39)	C. L. Cast Iron	12"	9,126'
Orelans Road (Rt. 39)	C. L. Cast Iron	10"	1,877'
Orleans Road (Rt. 39)	C. L. Cast Iron	8"	421'
Pleasant Bay Road	C. L. Cast Iron	10"	1,762'
Well Field to Rt. 39	C. L. Cast Iron	12"	2,322'
Well Field to Rt. 39	C. L. Cast Iron	10"	600'
Well Field to Rt. 39	C. L. Cast Iron	8"	87'
Main Street, Lothrop Avenue to Depot Road, North Harwich	C. L. Cast Iron	8"	6,395'
Total			39,474'

Water Consumption

	Gallons		Gallons
January	6,129,530	July	34,018,370
February	5,393,080	August	21,821,270
March	5,823,620	September	12,509,540
April	8,293,560	October	6,997,440
May	9,064,000	November	7,364,720
June	18,694,500	December	6,580,100

Total Gallons Pumped—142,689,730

Average Daily Consumption	426,547 gallons
Largest Monthly Consumption	33,024,640 gallons
Largest Weekly Consumption—ending July 7	7,295,180 gallons
Largest Daily Consumption—July 2	1,493,110 gallons
Hours Operation—Fairbanks Diesel	502 hrs. 45 min.
Hours Operation—Sterling Diesel	962 hrs. 45 min.
Hours Operation—Gasoline	21 hrs. 0 min.
Electric Motors (Approximate)	730 hrs. 0 min.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956**Commitments**

1954 Balance Outstanding Jan. 1, 1956	\$26.00	
1954 Collections made in 1956	26.00	
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1954 Balance Outstanding Dec. 31, 1956		None
1955 Balance Outstanding Jan. 1, 1956	4,687.47	
Less abatements	12.00	
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	4,675.47	
1955 Collections made in 1956	4,628.15	
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1955 Balance Outstanding Dec. 31, 1956		\$47.32
1956 Commitments	78,943.93	
Less Abatements	250.24	
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	78,693.69	
Less 1956 Collections	73,877.33	
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1956 Balance Outstanding Dec. 31, 1956		4,816.36
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Total Balance Outstanding Dec. 31, 1956		\$4,863.68

Receipts

Minimum Charges	\$46,246.23	
Excess Water	10,899.44	
Service Connections	20,535.56	
Miscellaneous	850.25	
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Total 1956 Collections		\$78,531.48
Paid to Town Treasurer		\$78,531.48

Expenditures

Retirement of Bonds	\$7,000.00	
Interest on Bonds	70.00	
Principal on Water Loan	40,000.00	
Interest on Water Loan	13,185.00	
Principal on Water Loan	11,000.00	
Interest on Water Loan	1,623.50	
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	\$72,878.50	
Maintenance and Operation		
Administration	11,200.51	
General	16,023.41	
Pumping Station	5,787.51	
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	33,011.43	

Service Connections	19,593.63	
Total 1956 Operating Expenses		\$125,483.56

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

South Street North to Existing Main and Along Sisson Road to Rt. 28

Payments	\$2,000.00	Bal. from 1955	\$2,000.00
Balance	None		
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	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00

Old Mill Point A/C

Payments	\$460.51	Bal. from 1955	\$460.51
Balance	None		
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	\$460.51		\$460.51

Water Survey A/C

Payments	\$345.17	Bal. from 1955	\$345.17
Balance	None		
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	\$345.17		\$345.17

Painting and Repairing Elevated Water Tank A/C

Payments	\$10,300.10	1956 Approp.	\$11,620.00
Bal. to revenue	1,684.84	Bal. from 1955	664.94
Balance to 1957	300.00		
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	\$12,284.94		\$12,284.94

Electrification of Pumping Equipment A/C

Payments	\$9,770.99	Bal. from 1955	\$16,700.00
Balance to 1957	6,929.01		
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	\$16,700.00		\$16,700.00

Grassy Pond Road A/C

Payments	\$333.97	Bal. from 1955	\$2,142.17
Balance to 1957	1,808.20		
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	\$2,142.17		\$2,142.17

Special Town Meeting—Article 1 (1955)

Payments	\$181,252.94	Bal. from 1955	\$209,891.21
Balance to 1957	28,638.27		
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	\$209,891.21		\$209,891.21

Uncle Venies Road A/C			
Payments	\$5,783.70	Bal. from 1955	\$6,937.80
Balance to 1957	1,154.10		
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	\$6,937.80		\$6,937.80
Kelley Street to Lothrop Avenue A/C			
Payments	\$2,703.65	Bal. from 1955	\$6,746.26
Balance to 1957	4,042.61		
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	\$6,746.26		\$6,746.26
Increasing Water Supply A/C			
Payments	\$42,636.35	Bal. from 1955	\$58,395.45
Balance to 1957	15,759.10		
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$58,395.45		\$58,395.45
Ginger Plum Lane A/C			
Payments	\$1,436.07	Bal. from 1955	\$3,339.75
Balance to 1957	1,903.68		
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	\$3,339.75		\$3,339.75
Depot Road, W. Har.			
Payments	\$1,026.25	Bal. from 1955	\$991.35
Balance	None	Trans. from Pleasant Lake Ave. A/C	34.90
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$1,026.25		\$1,026.25
Pleasant Lake Avenue A/C			
Payments	\$22,987.60	Bal. from 1955	\$26,894.40
Balance to 1957	3,906.80		
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$26,894.40		\$26,894.40
Queen Anne Road—East			
Payments	\$957.72	Bal. from 1955	\$1,965.92
Balance to 1957	1,008.20		
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$1,965.92		\$1,965.92
Queen Anne Road—West			
Payments	\$1,452.51	Bal. from 1955	\$1,452.51
Balance	None		
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$1,452.51		\$1,452.51
Brooks Road A/C			
Payments	\$85.37	Bal. from 1955	\$203.02
Balance to 1957	117.65		
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	\$203.02		\$203.02

Construction and Extension of Water Mains			
Payments	\$4,534.78	Bal. from 1955	\$4,534.78
Balance	None		
	<hr/> \$4,534.78		<hr/> \$4,534.78
Special Town Meeting—Article 3 (1955)			
Payments	\$739.71	Bal. from 1955	\$4,133.40
Balance to 1957	3,393.69		
	<hr/> \$4,133.40		<hr/> \$4,133.40
Water Extension A/C			
Payments	\$4,781.82	1956 Approp.	\$4,000.00
Balance to 1957	145.97	Bal. from 1955	927.79
	<hr/> \$4,927.79		<hr/> \$4,927.79
Oak Street A/C			
Payments	\$1,664.24	1956 Approp.	\$1,915.00
Balance to 1957	250.76		
	<hr/> \$1,915.00		<hr/> \$1,915.00
Brooks Road to Dunes Road A/C			
Payments	\$3,015.92	1956 Approp.	\$3,975.00
Balance to 1957	959.08		
	<hr/> \$3,975.00		<hr/> \$3,975.00
Transfer to Water Main Construction A/C—Art. 71 (1956)			
Payments	\$2,344.69	Trans. from Belmont	
Balance	None	Road A/C	\$2,344.69
	<hr/> \$2,344.69		<hr/> \$2,344.69
New Tractor A/C			
Payments	\$3,970.44	1956 Approp.	\$4,000.00
Bal. to revenue	29.56		
	<hr/> \$4,000.00		<hr/> \$4,000.00
Installation of Water Mains on Town Accepted Roads			
Payments	\$6,714.87	Bal. from 1955	\$26,534.61
Balance to 1957	19,819.74		
	<hr/> \$26,534.61		<hr/> \$26,534.61
Painting and Repairing Standpipe			
Payments	\$4,220.00	1956 Approp.	\$4,220.00
Balance	None		
	<hr/> \$4,220.00		<hr/> \$4,220.00

Rest Room A/C

Payments	\$130.68	Bal. from 1955	\$2,737.99
Balance to 1957	2,607.31		
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	\$2,737.99		\$2,737.99

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS J. HIBBERT
HAROLD A. THOMPSON
NORMAN O. NICKERSON
Board of Water Commissioners
GEORGE GARDNER
Superintendent & Collector

Report of the Plumbing Inspector

January 4, 1957

To the Board of Health
Town of Harwich, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Plumbing Inspector for 1956:

Estimated cost of Plumbing			\$141,160.00
Turned in to Treasurer of the Town			267.00
Total Permits issued			267
Dwellings	243	Funeral Home	
Warehouse	1	& Dwelling	1
Summer camp	1	Garage & Dwelling	1
Rest Home	1	Office & Dwelling	1
Library	1	Duplex	1
Motels	3	Comfort Station	1
Recreation	1	Clam Bar	1
Garages	2	Exhibit	1
School	1	Boarding House	1
Pump House	1	Hall	1
		Stores	2
Inspections by Inspector			361
Inspections by Asst. Inspector			151
There has been a slight decrease in permits issued.			

Respectfully submitted,

COURTENAY N. CHASE,
Plumbing Inspector

Report of the State Audit

Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations & Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Harwich for the year ending December 31, 1955, the following report being submitted thereon:

The financial transactions are recorded on the books of the departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or sending out bills for collection were examined, checked, and verified.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The receipts, as recorded, were checked with the departmental records and with the treasurer's books, while the payments were compared with the treasury warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

The ledger accounts were analyzed, and the appropriations and transfers as recorded were checked with the amounts voted by the town, as shown by the town clerk's records of town meetings, and with the transfers authorized by the finance committee. The adjusting and closing entries were made, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1955.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were analyzed and verified by comparison with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the disbursements were compared with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the payments. The cash balance on December 31, 1955 was proved by actual count of the cash on hand and by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The recorded payments on account of maturing debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file. The amount of interest due and unpaid was listed and reconciled with the balance as shown by a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

The securities, including savings bank books, representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer and the trustees were examined and listed. The income was proved and the amounts transferred to the town were verified by comparison with the treasurer's recorded receipts.

The tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined. The amounts transferred from the tax levies to the tax title account were reconciled with the collector's accounts, and the redemptions of tax titles were compared with the treasurer's receipts. The foreclosures and abatements were verified, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed, proved, and reconciled with the accountant's ledger.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The poll and property taxes and motor vehicle and trailer excise outstanding according to the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and checked with the warrants issued for their collection. The payments to the treasurer were checked with the treasurer's cash book, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the transfers to the tax title account were verified by comparison with the treasurer's records of tax titles held by the town, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger controlling accounts.

The departmental and water accounts receivable outstanding according to the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved. The payments to the treasurer were checked with the treasurer's recorded receipts, the abatements were compared with the records in the departments authorized to grant such credits, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

Verification notices were sent to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town for tax, excise, departmental, and water accounts, and from the replies received thereto it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the Selectmen, the town clerk, the police department, and by the building and plumbing inspectors were examined and checked, the payments to the State and to the town treasurer being verified.

The surety bonds furnished by the several town officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The accounts of the sealer of weights and measures, as well as of all other departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and reconciled with the treasurer's and the town accountant's records.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, tax title, tax possession, departmental, and water accounts, together with schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from all officials of the town, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ

Assistant Director of Accounts

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Report of the Town Nurse for 1956

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Harwich, Massachusetts

Field visits—Adelyn J. Peabody, R.N.	1,113
Georgeanna Rix, R.N.	1,146
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Total visits	2,259
Collections—Miss Peabody, R.N.	\$459.50
Mrs. Rix, R. N.	540.75
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	\$1,000.25

Monthly collections turned in to Henry K. Bearse, each month of year.

Respectfully submitted,

ADELYN J. PEABODY,
Harwich Visiting Nurse

Report of the Police Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and to the Citizens of the Town of Harwich:

I hereby respectfully submit the annual report of the
Police Department for the year 1956.

Personnel		
Rank	Name	Address
Chief	C. Conrad Nickerson	East Harwich
Sergeant	Robert B. Megalthin	Harwich Port
Patrolman	Horace F. Wixon	West Harwich
Patrolman	Robert M. Church	West Harwich
Patrolman	Charles M. Johnson	North Harwich
Patrolman	Charles H. Thomas	West Harwich
Patrolman	Charles D. Gardner	Harwich Port
Night desk clerk	Howard M. Ellis	Harwich Port

General Routine

Complaints received and investigated	295
Lost or stolen property reported	\$6,998.75
Lost or stolen property recovered	4,153.00
Missing persons reported	20
Missing persons found	20
Licenses suspended	71
Licenses revoked	14
Auto accidents investigated	63
Property damage	63
Personal injury	22
Fatals	1
Minor auto accidents reported to Police not investigated	25
First class auto dealers reports filed	22
Second class auto dealers reports filed	48
Third class auto dealers reports filed	119
Individual auto dealers reports filed	239
Defective street lights reported	42
Summer homes and cottages inspected monthly	1,413
Summer homes and cottages found open and reported to owners	123
Number of escorts furnished	50
Request for special Officers	200
Accidental deaths investigated	0
Fires attended	42
Rescue runs attended	50
Suicides	1

Court Cases

Drunk	24
Operating under the influence	23
Operating to endanger	19
Breaking and entering in the night time	12
Larceny	13
Forgery	2
Assault and Battery	8
Operating motor vehicle without a license	4
Operating motor vehicle without authority	1
Operating motor vehicle after License expired	1
Speeding	6
Non support of illegitimate child	5
Operating motor vehicle after right suspended	1
Vagrancy	1
Lewd and Lascivious	4
Adultry	4
Fornication	2
Furnishing beer to minors	1
Illegal possession of fire arms	1
Juvenile cases	9
Warrants served	19
Summons served	58
Cases before courts	123
Confined to lockup	117

Trips out of Town with Cruiser

State Police Barracks, South Yarmouth	67
Provincetown Court	25
Bridgewater Police Department	2
Bridgewater State Farm	1
Taunton State Hospital	6
House of Correction, Barnstable	12
Cape Cod Hospital	10
Plymouth Police Department	2
Plymouth House of Correction	1
Superior Court Barnstable	18
Yarmouth Police Department	4
Barnstable Police Department	4
Milford Police Department	1
Medford Police Department	1
Middleboro Police Department	1
Pocasset County Hospital	3
Orleans	6
Whitman	1
Miles covered by Cruiser	89,639
Miles covered by Chief's Car	1,510

The year 1956 saw another increase in traffic during the summer months in the Town of Harwich. I take this opportunity to thank the citizens of the Town and our summer visitors for helping this department to enforce the "No Parking" on Main Street in Harwichport this past summer. These signs will be posted each summer from June 15 through September 15 in order to eliminate the congestion in that area.

I wish to thank the Selectmen, and all the other Town officials and all departments of the Town of Harwich for their splendid co-operation and assistance with this department during the past year.

The co-operation of all regular Police Officers, Special Officers and Auxiliaries has been greatly appreciated throughout 1956 and may we hope for the the same in 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CONRAD NICKERSON
Chief of Police

Report of the Board of Appeals

To the Selectmen of the Town of Harwich:

Your Board of Appeals during the year 1956 has conducted eight public hearings. We have continued the use of Associate Members as "stand-ins" for the regular members and we have found this to be most satisfactory. At this time I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Associate Members who were called upon to serve with the Board.

The Board has at the present time under consideration the revision of a portion of its By-Laws to more clearly define certain specific provisions of its responsibilities.

I deeply appreciate the able and loyal support given me by the members of this Board in their earnest endeavor to arrive at decisions which were for the best interests of the Town and its people, and desire publicly to thank Mrs. Earle Sims, Peter Barber, Donald T. Bates, Leland H. McKenney, Herbert R. Morse and John S. Raneo.

Respectfully submitted,

COL. RALPH B. CUMMINGS, Chm.
Harwich Board of Appeals

Report of the Veterans' Agent

To the Citizens of the Town of Harwich:

In reviewing the past year of unusual activities we find an all time high in expenditures for hospital cases. A total of seventeen admissions brought the cost to this department hundreds of dollars in excess of the anticipated budget. In one case alone, which terminated fatally, it was necessary to expend over \$3,000. We are sure that our policy of never permitting economy to influence the decision when it is between dollars and a life, meets with the total approval of the citizens of this patriotic town. Because of our connections with the heads of the Veterans' Administration we were able to transfer several cases to the VA at no cost to the town, and for this cooperation we publicly extend the thanks of this Department in behalf of the tax payers. In addition to the tremendous hospital costs, the winter was severe and an unusually large amount of unemployment created hardship on many large families, and emergency food orders to the total of \$2,914.50 was expended. To give credit for keeping this item to a minimum we acknowledge the successful effort of Rep. Oscar J. Cahoon in obtaining numerous appointments for workmen on State Highway work.

GI loans fell off to some extent but all cases were given courteous attention by Mr. George Marble of the Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank as he has done for the past several years.

The young veterans have been eager to take advantage of their Educational benefits and it is refreshing to find so many of our boys who know what they want to do, and realize the value of an education.

Many have taken up on-the-job-training and we find them good employees and willing to work for advancement.

We have advised and aided a total of more than three hundred different veterans and obtained the Massachusetts Bonus for boys whose service have made them eligible. This has brought several thousands of dollars into the community. Another substantial source of income comes from those older veterans who have become entitled to pensions and compensations, and this results in many more thousands of dollars which is brought into the town to aid the economy of Harwich, especially during the winter when it is so greatly needed.

Many yet fail to realize that veterans do not ever receive any benefits merely because they are veterans. Whether it be OB (ordinary benefits, which the State reimburses the town 50%) or a Federal pension, there must be NEED. When any citizen in America whether he be a veteran or a non-veteran, is in distress and requires public assistance, the case MUST be alleviated. If the distress occurs in the instance of a veteran he is aided temporarily by the Veterans' Benefits, thus preventing any veteran from being pauperized. In the case of a Federal pension there are income restrictions beyond which no pension is granted. The Federal does not pay a pension to any single person who earns \$1,400 or a married wage earner who is gainfully employed and received \$2,700. Veterans of World War II and the Korean action must have had at least 90 days service during a period of war to be recognized as a veteran, or receive any benefits.

Thus we can realize that those who have served since January 31, 1955 will not be entitled to any special benefits. Already they are being treated like the civilian, with a withholding tax and social security payments being taken from their pay envelopes like the plumber or the civilian working man. As a result of this action we can easily predict that the greatest problems of the Veterans' program in the future will be the care of the aged, and will mean that hospital costs will increase in the years ahead. Perhaps that is the explanation of the tremendous and unpredictable expense during 1956 and may be an indication of things to come.

Again we conclude this report with a salute to the Harwich Vets who have such a patriotic understanding and who have cooperated in our efforts to obtain work rather than aid in the form of food, OB, or fuel. Thanks to the veterans' organizations, to the Selectmen and town officials and to the office of the Commissioner of Veterans' Services, Nathaniel Hurwitz and his efficient staff. May we wish for all veterans in town a Happy and Healthy 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY B. ALBRO

Agent

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Harwich, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith respectfully submit my twenty-third annual report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Harwich for the year ending December 31, 1956.

Scales:

Tested	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Con-demned
Platform 5,000 to 10,000 lbs.		1 1		
Platform 100 to 5,000 lbs.	11 6	11 7	1 5	3 3
Counter under 100 lbs.	2 3	4 4	1 1	
Beam over 100 lbs.		1 1		
Spring 100 lbs. or over	1	1 1		1
Spring under 100 lbs.	11 9	12 9	3 2	4 3
Computing under 100 lbs.	20 22	27 28	2 3	6 2
Personal weighing		3 2		1 3
Prescription	1	3 4		
Weights:				
Avoirdupois	14 5	42 27	4 21	7 3
Apothecary		53 57		
Metric		25 25		
Volumetric Measures:				
Liquid 1 gal. or less		21 16	3	4 7
Dry Measures		3 3		
Automatic Liquid Measuring Devices:				
Grease Measuring Devices		9 15	4	
Meters 1-in. Inlet	21 22	33 34	5 8	3 5
Kerosene Pumps		4 2	2	1
Quantity Measures				10
Yard Sticks		7 9	1	
Total	80	260	26	38

vehicle Tank 69 288 40 28
meters A 1 52 30

Money received from Sealing Fees	\$91.75	93.45
Money received from Transient Vendor's Local License Fees	15.00	15.00
		<u>108.45</u>
Paid Town Treasurer	\$106.75	108.45
Money returned to Treasurer by Director of Standards for Pedler's License Fees	8.00	28.00
		<u>136.45</u>
	\$114.75	

Inspections made of Pedler's Licenses	1	3
Inspections made of Transient Vendor's Licenses	1	1

Other Inspections

Milk Jars	10	43
Coal Certificates	2	2
Bread	105	115
Food Packages	80	130
Transient Vendors	1	1
Clinical Thermometers	10	12
Pedler's Scales	1	2
Ice Scales	2	2
Junk Scales	1	1
Retest of Gasoline devices after sealing	5	6
		<u>314</u>
Total	217	

Trial Weighing and Measurements of Commodities Sold or Put Up for Sale

Bread	35	33
Butter	28	30
Coal in Transit	1	1
Confectionary	13	13
Flour	18	20
Fruit and Vegetables	30	40
Meat and Provisions	20	28
Potatoes	25	27
		<u>192</u>
Total	170	
Coal in Transit re-weighed	2,000 lbs.	2000

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR S. RYDER

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Report of the Director of Civil Defense

Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens
of the Town of Harwich, Massachusetts

Report of year ending December 31, 1956.

Under the direction of Capt. Robert Williams, Director of Sector 2-C, (this area) the Civil Defense organization on the Cape has continued the reorganization as outlined by M.C.D.A. and the details of the provisional operation plan for Massachusetts have been made a part of the Civil Defense Operational Plan for the Town of Harwich. Capt. Williams has done an excellent job and has been of immeasurable help to the organizational plan of the Town of Harwich.

Again this year, taking advantage of the "Matching Funds of the Federal Government", we were able to purchase for the town two police cruiser two-way Motorola radios for the police department. Half of the total cost being paid by the Town, and the other half by the Federal Government. Also for the Fire Department, two portable power amplifiers, saving the Town half of the cost, which enabled us to return to Town revenue a total of \$787.87.

The Civil Defense Radio Net for the Town of Harwich has been very active this past year under the direction of William Williams, Radio Officer. The Town was included in all practise operations with Sector Headquarters; two new "Gonset Transmitter Receivers" were purchased on matching funds, and one-half will again be returned to the Town revenue. The radio net is registered with the FCC under the "Races Program" and we are able to operate four complete transmitters and receivers within the Town, relieving the load on the police and fire communications in time of emergency.

The Town's alert signals, operated successfully throughout the past year. The signal is tested every day except Sunday. This year it is hoped that the sirens can be increased to receive a better coverage throughout the Town. This can be obtained by replacing obsolete and smaller sirens with larger and full directional units.

The Alert Warning Cards were distributed throughout the Town by the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts under the direction of Lester Shatzer and John Bussiere. All occupied dwellings should have this card posted in a conspicuous place. If you did not receive one at the time of distribution, you may obtain same from the Civil Defense Department.

The Fire and Rescue Squads have been active, holding drills and exercises in cooperation with the State Civil Defense Department. The Police Department was active and was responsible for traffic control on the above exercises. At present, the Police Department is conducting a Police School for all special police officers in the town. The 1957 Civil Defense Budget allows for partial uniforming of these men on completion of their training.

The principal and school committee and several members of the faculty were briefed on Civil Defense Operations to date. Supplementing the work that was done with the group a year ago. It is felt now that the Principal is fully aware of his Civil Defense duties and responsibilities.

All Sector meetings and briefings were attended by your Director or by an alternate of the Town's Civil Defense organization.

I wish to thank the Selectmen, all members of the Civil Defense team in Harwich, and all departments for their cooperation in 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. HARTIG

Director

Report of the Planning Board

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year 1956 the Planning Board had for review and hearing the largest sub-division of land since its origin. First under the title of Hia-Pearl Corporation and later under the title of Great Sand Lakes Corporation. There has been a total of seven subdivisions requiring hearings, all of which were found satisfactory for approval. In addition twenty-five plans were considered which did not require hearings, but required review and signature of the Planning Board for filing with the Registry of Deeds in Barnstable or the Land Court in Boston. In this work we continue to receive the cooperation of Surveyors and Engineers.

The Planning Board has been represented at all called meetings of the Board of Appeals where matters affecting sub-division Rules and By-Laws were involved.

In December the Planning Board was requested by a petition signed by some sixty citizens to arrange a hearing to discuss the extension of Commercial Area in Harwich Port from the present 200 feet limit, northerly from Main Street between South and Bank Streets, particularly for more parking area for current business needs and eliminating parking on the Main Street throughout this area. Meeting was called for eight o'clock the evening of December 14th at the High School Auditorium. It was a very stormy night and only about twenty people were present, so the meeting was postponed to Friday night, December 21, at eight o'clock. At this meeting only 14 people were present with no one to speak for the merchants in the area concerned, so it was suggested that nothing further could be accomplished at this time. In the call for the aforementioned meeting the Planning Board included a suggested plan for Industrial Area adjoining the New Haven Railroad and Great Western Road. An article will be included in the Town Warrant to cover this feature.

The Planning Board is carefully studying the changes that may be necessary for the last extension of the Mid-Cape Highway with connections at Route 24 (Pleasant Lake Avenue) and also Route 137, that may require Road changes as well as extensions or relocation of Commercial and Industrial Areas.

The Planning Board has been represented at several meetings in various towns on the Cape for discussing Regional Planning on a Cape wide district basis, still a very live and essential matter in the minds of large groups, but the continued changes in personnel of the various town planning boards has delayed bringing the matter up properly in the warrants for voting to join with other towns to form such a District.

The Planning Board appreciates the fine cooperation extended during the year by the Selectmen, Board of Appeals, and Building Inspector in helping to carry out the Rules and Regulations.

The following is a report of the Expenditures for the year:

Appropriation		\$200.00
Printing Legal notices of Hearings from January 1st through December 31st	\$46.97	
Administration Expense	15.72	
Mass. Federation of Planning Board dues	12.50	75.19
Unexpended balance to Revenue		\$124.81

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. JOHNSON, Chairman
ESTHER A. STIDSTONE, Clerk
R. B. SNOW
ROSWELL H. NYE
E. W. DYBING

Report of the Playground and Recreation Commission

Covering a year of more than usual activity, the seventh annual report of the Harwich Playground and Recreation Commission is hereby submitted to the townspeople.

Each year there are newcomers who do not know, as well as those who forget—that the duties of the Commission are three-fold. Hence, it is repeated that the duties include the provision of facilities for recreational activities, for **all** people in Harwich. Secondly, new activities are initiated and financial assistance given where needed. Long-range planning for future development constitutes the third basic responsibility.

It is anticipated that the new baseball field, started last year as the first project in the new recreation area lying north of Brooks Park will be ready for summer use. Although the finished grading is incomplete at this date, irrigation lines have been installed and the first seeding done. This field has been designed for Little Leaguers **and others** in that age group.

As the next step in further development of the area, tentative plans for an ARCHERY FIELD are under consideration. There has been a steadily growing demand for this popular all-family sport. The Commission is open to suggestions for future planning and wishes to provide space for the recreational needs of the community. A total of 56 children were enrolled in the four week session of our Summer Play School. Under the supervision of Barbara Ford and assisted by Maureen Denny, sports activity, reading and a comprehensive arts and crafts program were scheduled daily. The Theatre Workshop for the older group met daily for a ten weeks period covering the construction and painting of scenery and various other back-stage techniques. With ever increasing popularity, our athletic program, conducted by Dave Bailey enrolled 151 in Swimming Classes; 73 in baseball; 64 in tennis and 22 in golf. A total of 87 certificates were awarded in the various swimming groups. To teach diving skills, a dock or raft is needed, also a canoe or boat for added skills in Life Saving.

Many and varied activities as well as Arts and Crafts classes are crowding the Recreation Building day and night—limited only by the lack of suitable housing space. Since the building was used in 1956 by a total of 10,825 people, engaged in more than 130 regular group activities, the need for a large all purpose room is both obvious and definitely indicated. With additional space, not only could the larger groups be accommodated, but game room equipment could be set up for continuous use.

The old kitchen space has undergone a face-lifting process resulting in improved facilities and an attractive working area for food-service. However, the Commission has been unable to provide dishes, flatware and other equipment . . . and will therefore be very happy to accept suitable gifts or permanent loan of the many needed items.

Our outstanding community project, the HARWICH JUNIOR THEATRE, sponsored by the Recreation Council, is in need of a well-equipped **permanent** home. Our good town-fathers have been most cooperative and for six seasons (6th-1957) have housed our self-supporting, non-profit "Theatre Unique", in the Exchange Playhouse. Offering the family-public the best in Children's Classics—its continued successes have proved an asset which Harwich can point to with pride.

FOREST A. EATON, Chairman
 EARLE BASSETT
 RAYMOND H. GRAYSON, Legal Advisor
 VIRGINIA S. DOANE, Treasurer
 ALICE CHAMPION MORRIS, Secretary

Report on Article 75 of the 1956 Town Meeting

To the Citizens of the Town of Harwich:

Report to the people of the Town of Harwich made by nine men appointed under Article 75 of the 1956 Town Meeting, which covers the nineteen existing buildings in the Town, which the Town owns and must maintain yearly.

We as a Board have spent a great deal of time surveying and discussing with factual reports what is the best possible solution with every building now owned and operated by the Town. In this report, we are trying to support our judgment by facts and figures, which we discovered while investigating the Municipal Properties. As far as it was possible the Committee tried to look at each building, not only for today's use or even tomorrow, but for as long a range program as is possible for anyone to formulate at this time. We tried to look at each situation individually and not only the immediate cost, but also the cost to the Town over a period of a minimum of ten years.

The Building Committee felt that with present buildings, where the cost of maintenance would in a period of ten years exceed the cost of a new and more feasible building that, it would be poor judgment to spend money on the present structure.

In this report we will handle each building separately and will deal with the smaller buildings first.

We can handle the Band Stand, Brooks Park Storage (which is a new building) the Oil Tank, and the Comfort Station, which is at Bank Street Beach, as these are at present in excellent condition and will be suitable to the Town in their present form for a great many years to come, even with the increased growth that our Town has shown.

Before we get into the large and more used buildings, we think there is one thing that each individual should understand and that is the problem that confronts not only

all small towns in the country, but all small and large businesses throughout the country, and that is the growth of our population from Maine to California (including Cape Cod), which has been nothing short of phenomenal and this growth will continue very rapidly for the next ten years. This has resulted in all buildings, not only for municipal use, but for private use bulging at the seams and at the same time outmoded.

It is very, very costly to add new construction for either private or municipal business in these times of high costs. However, town business, as well as private business must operate efficiently and to do so it must have equipment in which it can operate efficiently.

The next building that we would like to talk about is the Fire Station. After some inspection and discussion we came to the decision that no additional spending on their present fire station will be necessary—that a better and broader solution should be found for this Department than increasing its present building.

The new Highway Building is a very good and very adequate building. The time will come when as the Town's miles of roads increase that the Highway Department will need an additional stall. It is hard to foresee this at present, as we cannot visualize the increase in roads. At the same time that this additional stall is built we feel that it is the time to add another stall for the Moth Superintendent and add his quarters into the same building, which would lessen the cost of maintenance. It is felt that the Moth Superintendent's building is of no value whatsoever to the Town and that no additional money should be spent on this building under any circumstances, as it is worth no additional expenditures.

In this same group we will add the Police Garage which is used by the Highway Department for storing some of their equipment. This building is in excellent condition and will last for a great many years and is worth maintaining.

Brooks Block Bulding is in fine condition, has a good revenue and serves many useful purposes for the Town. It certainly is worth keeping and maintaining. The only thing we would like to add is that in the future there probably will be a need for a new Library due to the steep climb in stairs for older people, the shortage of rooms and the need for area in which to display the statue collection.

The present Water Department Buildings are in fine shape, are well kept up and will serve the Town for years to come. It is our opinion that at the present time there is no need for any large building program. We do feel that more office space is needed, but this can be overcome by moving the meter testing equipment and storage racks to the garage, and using the space thus obtained for the Superintendent's Office. This would mean building two or three more stalls at the present garage within the next two or three years at a cost of about \$6,000.00 and unless the system expands faster than we have been able to foresee, this should solve the Water Department Building problems for the next ten or twelve years. The Town Office is in excellent condition and has sufficient amount of work space to handle the needs of the Town. It would be desirable to have more parking area.

At this time it is impossible to make a report on the School Buildings. This Committee has looked into the School program as much as possible, and have met jointly with the School Committee, but as they have many problems to face and the State to contend with, as to regulations, it is impossible to make any clear cut recommendations at the present time.

We have left to the last the two buildings, on which we have spent the most time, as we felt these were the immediate problems the Town was facing. The Police Station is an old building with poor and unsound construction. Work would have to be done to the building if it is to be kept. Cells are needed to be added, and it was the general opinion of this Board that the cost to repair and add to this building would be greater than the cost of a new building. We, therefore, feel that a new Police Station should be built at one end of a Town Municipal Auditorium. After much deliberation, it was decided by the Board that a new Municipal Auditorium should be constructed for the use of the School Department and for the people in the Town. We felt the building should be able to seat about 1500 people at athletic affairs and 2000 people at Town Meetings, Plays, etc. This would give the Town sufficient use for twenty years growth period.

In the next few paragraphs we would like to tell you why we feel the need for such a Building and our recommendation to the use of the Exchange Building. First, we would like to publish in full the Builder's report on the Exchange Hall.

BUILDER'S REPORT

In submitting this report on the Exchange Building in Harwich we will follow the three main points you asked us to cover:

1. What we thought should be done with the building.
2. Cost of putting building in shape for this purpose.
3. Cost of maintenance over the years.

We covered the building very carefully and concluded that it was in reasonably sound shape and could probably be a useful asset to the community in many respects.

It is our opinion that the building should be restored generally to its original character—not immaculately restored—but in a sound and substantial manner with adequate facilities and contemporary utilities. We use the word restore rather than renovate as we believe any work done should maintain the character of the building. This restoration need not be 100%. Rather than give the impression of a new 1890 type building, the keynote would be: "This is an 1890 building, and although the floor is loping in places and some plaster patched, we like it and keep it painted and trim because it is sound, useful and our kinfolks built it for us."

This building has a definite character from another era such as the Provincetown and Brewster Town Halls. We are in a resort economy and on the Cape we need such buildings to show the visitors that we are the old Yankee type community. The modern supermarkets are fine conveniences but an evening at the theatre in the auditorium of this building will give them a taste of 1890 theatre atmosphere they will remember for years. The same could be true of various other activities held in the third floor exhibition hall.

There is also the historical and sentimental background of this building to the town and its residents. It has been active in the town's activities and economic life for generations and is an important tie and reminder of the past.

Our idea would be to keep the building as active as possible. The first floor could be more active **commercially**: the Auditorium and top floor would be much more in demand after the restoration. The uses of the building might be as follows:

Basement—Boiler Room

Shooting Gallery

Storage: Town use or rent out

Rent to stores above

One or two small meeting rooms West Side.

- First Floor**—East Store—Hardware
 West Store—Grocery
 Five back rooms:
 Minor town offices
 2 stores on Pleasant Lake Road
 5 offices—one with vault
- Second Floor**—Auditorium—dances, etc.
 Theatre
 Exhibition Hall
- Third Floor**—Exhibition Hall
 Scout meetings, etc.
 Community group meetings

This is what we feel should be done with the building. Next comes the question of what shall we do about specific items and the cost of putting the building into shape. The following outline will give you the idea of what we have in mind and we believe the figures are broad enough to cover the scope of the work. To know what the costs would be more accurately would necessitate plans and specifications, but for this purpose round figures will do.

STRUCTURAL FRAME

Work on sections of the foundation should be done to insure a secure footing for the walls above. This means removing, and replacing with concrete, sections along the top of the foundation. A certain amount of shoring and jacking of the building will be necessary to foot the building securely as well as to level up the frame where it has settled. Loose and cracked beams need supporting and tightening up in places. Various openings in the building will require some additional structural support. These items should bring the structural frame into useable shape.

We are of the opinion that the wood frame fire escape could be brought into repair and made useable if it is not in violation of fire laws. It would be less expensive to fix it over than to demolish it and erect a steel fire escape in its place. Either one of the two, however, must be done to allow use of the third floor.

By providing additional support to the second floor the existing "bounce" can be removed. Support would consist of a new column line located in the center of the two existing stores and carried through to the basement.

The balcony and boxes as they exist can be brought back into use by fixing and tightening up the structural supports holding them.

It seems advisable to retain the vault and repair and waterproof it, thus making it an asset to available office space.

EXTERIOR

The extent of work on the exterior of the building amounts to replacing and repointing sections of the brickwork in chimney and lower walls at foundation line. Restoration and repair of exterior trim is necessary and would include scraping, reflashing completely, caulking and painting. Gutters and conductors must be replaced. Windows and window frames require repair and in some cases replacement.

The entrance porch on the front of the building needs general repairs, caulking and flashing.

The entire outside of the building should be scraped down and painted to insure long life of the exterior side-walls.

The cupola is in fairly good shape and needs only to be spruced up on the exterior trim and sash.

INTERIOR

The basement at the present time is in good shape and will require little work. Specifically it needs a good cleaning up and a fireproof boiler room. If the shooting range is to be used it will require fireproofing.

The first floor needs a general brightening up which includes patching of walls and ceilings and painting throughout. Woodwork is in good shape and needs only some scraping and paint. Stairway to second floor also needs brightening up.

The second floor also requires general repairs of plaster walls and ceilings as well as painting throughout. Woodwork is in good condition but requires repairs and refinishing in places.

As was mentioned earlier work is necessary to strengthen the balcony and boxes.

Also, fire doors and all exits should be brought within the code for public safety. Fireproofing of the wall between stage and hall should be completed.

It is recommended that additional toilet facilities be provided. Larger men's and women's rooms are needed on the second floor. Dressing rooms can be provided at the East and West sides of the backstage area. A double-deck dressing area on each side, one side for women, one for men, might be advisable. Toilet facilities should also be provided for these dressing rooms.

In line with heating the building it will be well to insulate the ceiling above the second floor level to reduce the majority of heat loss.

Work on the interior of the third floor need not be too extensive. The floor should be patched where needed, sanded and finished. The wall sheathing and trim need some repair as does the observation deck above. Ticket offices, lobby and stairways need general repair. In keeping with the present character of this floor it should remain unpainted.

New exits and a steel fire-escape on the Southeast corner should be provided in addition to the one required at the rear of the building.

UTILITIES

Certain utilities are necessary in making the building functional. At present the electrical service for the majority of the building is in excellent shape, having been installed only recently. In addition, the building is thoroughly outfitted with a very competent sprinkler system. The investment in these two utilities alone is good reason to consider remodeling of the rest of the utilities in making the building useful.

Electrical service is needed for the third floor as well as more efficient lighting for all floors. Although service is adequate lighting fixtures are much in need.

Plumbing facilities should be broadened to provide hot and cold running water to rest rooms and dressing rooms. In line with this a system of adequate sewage disposal should be installed. In addition to toilets on the second floor there should also be toilets installed for use of first floor tenants.

Heating of the first and second floors will be necessary to make practical use of the building. Heating could also be supplied to third floor in the future if need be. A zoned system would allow heating only of areas in use and hence not require heating of the entire building all of the time.

We have broken down the costs of the various phases of the work and summed them up as follows:—

1. Structural Frame		\$11,800.00
2. Exterior Shell		14,100.00
3. Interior:		
Basement	\$1,300.00	
1st Floor	2,500.00	
2nd Floor	14,100.00	
3rd Floor	7,000.00	
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4. Utilities	16,700.00
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	\$67,500.00
10%	6,750.00
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	\$74,250.00

These cost allowances would be adequate to cover the work as generally outlined. It would be well to have \$80,000.00 on hand at the start of the project. It is our feeling that care would have to be taken in the layout and detailing of the work in order not to run wild. Our basic premise is a simple, sound restoration and it must be borne in mind throughout the layout of the work.

Cost-wise it is interesting that this building has approximately 18,000 square feet of major floor area and that an expenditure of \$80,000 represents spending an approximate \$4.50 per square foot. A new building, even the minimum type of construction, will cost at least \$10.00 per square foot plus the land and site work.

The cost of maintenance of the building should be treated as two separate items; the operating overhead and long term maintenance.

The operating overhead will consist of heat, light, water, fire insurance, minor repairs, etc. and can be estimated from the requirements—whether the tenants pay their own share of these costs or not should be borne in mind. It would seem best to heat all of the first floor and the second floor toilets continuously, whereas the Auditorium (and 3rd floor) only as necessary. These operating expenses should be offset by the rental revenue.

The long term maintenance such as painting, shingling, etc. can be scheduled and planned for, so the burden could be divided over the years. The probable repair projects for the next twenty years would be:

Painting outside 4 times	\$12,000.00
Paint (Odd Inside)	3,000.00
Odd Repairs	5,000.00
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	\$20,000.00

\$20,000.00 divided by 20 years—\$1,000 a year

As with any building or equipment, regular preventative maintenance is absolutely necessary for optimum overhead expense, and in this case, a little forethought and foresight could have minimized such a large expenditure as is currently necessary both inside and outside the building.

One interesting aspect of this building is that there is no expense for lawns, grounds, parking areas, snow removal, etc. such as are usually associated with a new building.

This, generally is our finding. From this general report it is an easy matter to get into endless detail, but before any real details are delved into it is important to determine what is to be done and why. In this report we have presented to you what we feel is the best thing to do and why we think so."

This concludes the Builder's Report — submitted by Frank Joy.

At this time we would like to insert the cost of operating the Exchange Hall for the past ten years.

General Maintenance, Janitor, Utility	\$50,800.00
Special Repairs	6,400.00
Insurance	7,200.00
Wiring, Painting	15,600.00
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	\$80,000.00
Annual Income @ \$1,450.00 a year	14,500.00
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	\$65,500.88

We can figure for the next ten years that this expense will stay the same (probably will increase). Now, if we add to this the amount necessary to bring the building into top shape, so that it could be used for all activities, we have a total cost of \$139,750.88. You must take into consideration that if this money would be spent that we still would not be able to use this Auditorium for many events, such as athletic events, large dances, etc. It also would only seat at top about 800 people, vs. 2,000 in a new building.

We felt for an additional \$30,000.00, we could erect a building that would last the Town for twenty years. You must remember that this additional \$30,000.00 would include a new Police Station. We felt that if two buildings could be built at the same time that the Town would save on outlay, maintenance and supervision. This new building would serve all School functions and other needs of the Town including the Recreation Committee extra needs, and would be located as best to serve them all. We have thought of the location where the present Police Station is, as we have sufficient land for both buildings and a large parking area. It is close to the schools and would centralize departments (Police, Highway, and Moth) which should be the ultimate goal of the Town, as it will save on both maintenance and

supervision. However, if the schools should decide to change their location, then another location for the Municipal Building should be given consideration. We are aware of the fact that no one likes additional expense at this time, but we felt that over a ten year period that this would be a less expensive proposition than maintaining the present buildings and would save the taxpayers money. At the same time it would give them the best in facilities and allow the Townspeople more programs and activities which they could enjoy.

We have inserted the following Articles in regard to the Exchange Hall, which we feel is the solution to the problem of the existing building.

1. To sell the Building.
2. To spend \$80,000.00 to repair completely the building.
3. To spend a smaller amount just to get by another couple of years.
4. To appoint a Committee to negotiate with a State Historical Society or other organization to see if the Building could be given away as a Historical Site.

Of course these articles will depend on what is done with regard to the Municipal Auditorium.

The recommendations and thoughts expressed by us have been in our best judgment, as to the least expensive and most feasible solution for the Town. We feel we prepared as many facts, figures and studies as possible before making such judgments. We hope you will give them your consideration at the coming Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES G. HALL, Chairman
 EDWARD EDMUNDS, Secretary
 PETER BARBER
 WALLACE WALES
 BIDDLE THOMPSON
 H. WILLIAM MOREY
 BARNEY TAYLOR
 CHARLES LANDEN
 VICTOR RYDER

Report of the Building Inspector

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Harwich, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my Annual Report as Building Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1956.

Number of Permits issued	167
Number of Inspections	714
Mileage covered in 1956	5,516
Permits listed as follows:	
Dwellings	95
Garages	13
Motels	1
Commercial Buildings	5
Additions and Alterations	53
Estimated cost of New Construction—\$1,184.700.	
Appropriation for 1956	\$2,900.00
Salary and Expenses	\$2,900.00
Payments	\$2,900.00
Paid Town of Harwich for Permits—283	
Layout and Drainage Inspections:	
Number of Water Supply Inspections	5
Number of Sewerage Disposal Inspections	118
Appropriation for 1956	\$300.00
Payments	\$300.00

Respectfully submitted,

WINSLOW B. SAWYER,
Building Inspector

Report of the Committee on Department of Public Works

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Harwich:

This Committee was appointed by the Town Moderator, in accordance with the vote of the 1956 Town Meeting, to study the advantages and disadvantages of establishing in the Town of Harwich a Board of Public Works, as provided in Chapter 101 of the Acts of 1953 and to make a report of its findings and recommendations, together with appropriate legislation, to the Annual Town Meeting of 1957. Chapter 101 provides a form of Public Works Department for any town which accepts the same. The procedure prescribed is as follows: a town meeting must first vote to accept, secondly, the question of acceptance is placed on the ballot at the next town meeting and if the ballot is favorable the statute takes effect at the **next** annual town meeting.

If Harwich should vote to create a Board of Public Works, the Highway, Park, Cemetery, Tree, Moth and Water Departments would cease to exist as independent departments. The town would elect a three man Board of Public Works serving staggered three year teams which Board would exercise all the powers and duties of the old departments. In addition, the Board would exercise such powers of other boards and offices, reasonably related to a Public Works Department, as the Town may fix by by-law. The Public Works Department Board would appoint a Superintendent. By statute, this Superintendent must be fitted by education, training and experience, to exercise such of the powers and duties of the Board as it may designate. He would hold office at the will of the Board and would, subject to the approval of the Board, appoint such assistants and employees as may be required. He may or may not be a resident of Harwich but he could hold no other job or office. The town may, at the expiration of three years from the establishment of a Department of Public Works, abolish the Department by a majority vote at an annual town meeting.

As an alternative to the foregoing procedure, Chapter 101 authorizes a town to vote to have its selectmen act as a Board of Public Works. The objections to this plan are that

it might heap more work on the selectmen than they could handle and, further, result in a concentration of authority which would not be in accord with that traditional policy of the towns which favors divided responsibility and a system of checks and balances.

As a basis for this report, this Committee, has, through the courtesy of town clerks and others, been able to examine the reports of town committees, who have studied the problem, especially in the towns of Bedford, Hamilton and Swampscott. This Committee interviewed a number of Harwich citizens and, on invitation, obtained the thoughtful opinion of Mr. John L. Morris, who sponsored the article in the 1956 town warrant which authorized this committee. The committee received the cordial cooperation amongst others of the Massachusetts Federation of Taxpayers Associations, the Bureau of Government Research of the University of Massachusetts and Richard B. Johnson Esq. of the Boston Bar, chairman of a Swampscott committee, which studied and recommended a board of public works, a recommendation which the town voted to accept.

As of January 1955, twenty-two towns had, under special acts of Legislature, established boards of public works. Five other towns, since the 1953 Act, had used its provisions to establish boards of public works. With the exception of Nahant, all of the above twenty-seven towns have a population, and probably a budget, larger than the population and budget of Harwich.

The principal advantages claimed by the advocates of a public works department plan are, increase in the efficiency of the public service and financial savings to the town. It is claimed that these advantages would result from the supervision by a single board and an experienced and trained superintendent. Under such supervision, it is argued, men and equipment could be coordinated, purchasing centralized, and work more effectively programmed.

In the course of its investigations, this Committee received two particularly pertinent opinions. One was from an official in a town where a public works department was in favorable opinion. He wrote, "I **personally** believe that if proper officials are elected the **old** form of New England government is the best for small towns. Good town government hinges on good elected officials rather than on the form of government." This opinion is supported by other persons who believe that a close relationship should be maintained between the voter and his town officials, a relationship which might be interfered with if most of the old boards were superseded by a single board and a superintendent.

A second pertinent opinion came from a gentleman who was thoroughly familiar with his own town's board of public works and who examined the Harwich 1955 Town Report. He wrote, "Your budget (Harwich) as appears from your report would run considerably less than ours and the opportunity for substantial dollar saving would be proportionately less. We think we can justify the added expense of our Superintendent's salary, which is about \$7500. In Harwich, you would have to pay a Superintendent of Public Works at least \$5000. I would suppose. But could he save that much for you? And even if he could, would the net saving be worth it, in view of the advantages of having more citizens participate in the Town's affairs, as they do when there are several boards and departments? Hamilton recently turned down public works no doubt on some such considerations."

After considering the advantages and disadvantages of establishing, in Harwich, a Board of Public Works, this Committee is of the unanimous opinion that it cannot, in this town, and at this time, recommend the establishment of such a Board. If, in the future, conditions in Harwich change, especially if there is a substantial increase in population and in town budgets, a re-examination of the Public Works Department problem may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY B. ALBRO

JAMES BALDWIN

ALTON P. HALL

HERBERT R. MORSE

ERNEST C. WOODSUM

Dept. of Public Works Comm.

Report of the Registrars of Voters

The Board of Registrars of the Town submit their report for the year of 1956.

We now have a total of 2,480 voters on our lists as follows: Women, 1,358; Men, 1,122. This is an increase of 89 over the previous year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLEON S. CROWELL, Chm.

HELENA T. MAGUIRE

JOSEPH V. GAVIN

Registrars

Engineers and Surveyors Report

The seven thousand dollar (\$7,000) appropriation was spent as follows:

A. Old Assessor's Maps \$878.33

Work consisted of plotting new subdivisions and property transfers and copying deeds at the Registry of Deeds.

B. New Assessor's Maps \$2,854.50

Work consisted of completing area adjoining Mid-Cape Highway extending into East Harwich with new maps.

C. Town Roads \$1,042.35

Work consisted of completing plans and descriptions of Roads to be taken at the 1957 Annual Town Meeting. Layout for widening and altering of Queen Anne Road (Originally a request by the subdividers of Bucks Pond land for a road definition.) This work was extended to include the section between Route No. 39 and Pleasant Lake Avenue. This work also consisted of laying out the following roads to be taken as Town Ways at the 1957 Annual Town Meeting as per instructions of the 1956 Annual Town Meeting.

Highland Avenue—South Harwich

Lincoln Village Road—Harwich Port

Railroad property (section between Pleasant Lake Avenue and Oak Street—Harwich).

D. County Roads \$751.00

This work consisted of completing plans and descriptions for widening and altering of Depot Road and Uncle Venies Road in South Harwich, running from Route No. 39 to Red River Beach. Plans were prepared for widening and altering Pleasant Lake Avenue (section between Main Street in Harwich and the Mid-Cape Highway for petitioning the County Commissioners to rebuild this road as an access road to the Mid-Cape Highway.

E. Departmental Requests \$880.25

The Highway Department for staking road sidelines and checking grades on the following roads:

Pleasant Park Road, Harwich; Pleasant Bay Road, East Harwich; Division Street, West Harwich; Colonial Way, Harwich Port and Red River Road in South Harwich.

The water department in preparing plans for eminent domain taking of property on Pleasant Bay Road, East Harwich for taking as a well field also staking centerline of Depot Road in South Harwich for the location of water mains and plotting grades for access road to new pumping station.

The School Committee for making a survey and setting bounds on property purchased from Mildred B. Paine et ali and making composite plan of the school property between Sisson Road and South Street.

The Recreational Committee for setting grades and staking base lines for the Little League Field.

The Fire Department in preparing plans and specifications for hardening the parking area at the Fire Station.

F. Town Lands and Harbors	\$295.45
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Making map of Allens Harbor for the Shellfish Constable. Also staking property lines of Town Beach at Seymour's Pond at Pleasant Lake. Outline plans of Allens Harbor, Wychmere Harbor and Red River (copies of these plans given to the State Division of Waterways and the U. S. Army Engineers). Plans and specifications were prepared for the parking area at Red River Beach in South Harwich.

G. All other	\$289.86
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Recording fees at the Barnstable Registry of Deeds, purchasing of bounds and photostatic copies of the Assessors' Maps.

H. Balance to Revenue	\$8.26
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Total appropriation	<hr/> \$7,000.00
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Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN P. CHASE

Registered Land Surveyor

Report of the Highway Surveyor

January 1, 1957

To the Board of Selectmen and
the citizens of the Town of Harwich:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1956.

The Highway Department has seal coated 8.6 miles of road and has mixed and placed 2.2 miles of road.

The Department has used approximately 65,000 gallons of asphalt for different work.

A new drainage system was installed on South St. Catch basins have been cleaned throughout the year and new basins have been installed.

Cement posts have been replaced where the old wooden posts were. Sidewalks have been constructed during the year and it has included seal coating and resurfacing sidewalks in the various sections of the Town.

I want to thank all Town Departments for their co-operation during the past year.

Cooperation is the greatest asset to the taxpayers in any Town.

Respectfully submitted,

ALTON P. HALL

Surveyor of Highway

Sidewalks

Appropriation Balance	\$2,000.00	
Labor	584.40	
Material	695.60	
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Total		\$1,279.64
Balance to Revenue		\$720.36

Chapter 90—Maintenance

Appropriation Balance	\$3,000.00	
Labor	479.00	
Material	1,021.58	
Truck Hiring	168.50	
Socony Oil Co.	1,330.03	
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Total		<hr/> \$2,999.11
Balance to Revenue		\$.89

Snow Removal

Appropriation Balance		\$11,900.00
Labor	\$5,280.45	
Equipment Hiring	4,962.20	
Material	1,657.35	
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Total		\$11,900.00
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Overpayment		\$616.39

General Repairs

Appropriation Balance		\$45,000.00
Return from Water and Police Dpts.		543.09
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Total		\$45,543.09
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Labor	\$22,241.50	
Asphalt	10,863.62	
Gasoline—Oil	3,324.00	
Loader & Bulldozer Hiring	3,315.00	
Truck Hiring	1,500.00	
Material	850.00	
Fuel	648.50	
Electric	85.00	
Telephone	220.50	
Water	30.00	
Office Supplies	42.50	
Boiler Inspection	20.00	
Express	40.00	
Signs & Lettering	70.00	
Repairs	597.00	
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Total		\$45,541.03
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Balance to Revenue		\$2.06

Insurance Fund

Appropriation Balance		\$900.00
Douglas B. Sawyer	\$266.64	
Norman O. Nickerson	366.58	
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Total		633.22
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Balance to Revenue		\$266.78

**Repairs To Highway Department
Building Fund**

Appropriation Balance		\$300.00
Labor	\$89.40	
Material	130.34	

Total		\$269.48
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Balance to Revenue		\$30.52
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Fences & Railings

Appropriation Balance		\$600.00
Labor	\$241.20	
Material	100.64	
House of Correction	195.00	

Total		\$597.14
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Balance to Revenue		\$2.86
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Bridges

Appropriation Balance		\$600.00
Labor	\$250.25	
Material	297.10	

Total		\$596.00
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Balance to Revenue		\$4.00
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ROADS

Queen Anne Road

Appropriation Balance		\$2,000.00
Balance from 1955		1,570.48

Total		\$3,570.48
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Labor	\$962.05	
Truck Hiring	528.50	
Socony Oil	1,931.73	

Total		\$3,422.28
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Balance to Revenue		\$147.30
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Clifford Road

Appropriation Balance		\$350.00
Labor	\$250.00	
Trimount Bituminus Products Co.	93.44	

Total		\$348.64
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Balance		\$1.36
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	Sunset Road	
Appropriation Balance		\$400.00
Labor	\$280.65	
Trimount Bituminus Products Co.	116.48	
Land Taking	1.00	
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Total		\$398.13
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Balance to Revenue		\$1.87
	Elwood Road	
Appropriation Balance		\$500.00
Labor	\$296.85	
Trimount Bituminus Products Co.	202.45	
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Total		\$499.30
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Balance to Revenue		.70
	Trumet Road	
Appropriation Balance		\$0.45
	Earle Terrace	
Appropriation Balance		\$2.80
	Victory Drive	
Appropriation Balance		\$0.97
	Long Pond Drive	
Appropriation Balance		\$175.00
Labor		174.80
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Balance to Revenue		\$0.20

Report on the Supervision of Herring

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Harwich, Massachusetts

There have been three runs of Herring this season—about April first, small run. May 1st to 27th, large run. June 1 to June 7th, small run.

The water in the reservoir has been very high—and the brook from the ponds has been running full.

Have had to tend water at reservoir four times a day—at half ebb tide and at half flood tide—otherwise water running so strong herring could not make the run through the Flume—this was done during the May and June runs, four times a day.

Herring will not go through the culvert at Railroad Bridge in the day time, only at night—culvert has been full of water to the arch at all times making it dark so herring would not enter.

Herring started to come back from Ponds about the 21st of May.

Brook needs cleaning from Ryder's Dam to Meeting House swamp.

Suggested that next year man be on by the first of April, so that the water may be lowered in reservoir, then it will not be necessary to tend reservoir plank in flume during the herring run, only occasionally.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE M. MOODY

Report of the Inspector of Wires

The following inspections were made for extension of wiring, change-overs from 2 to 3 wire services, off peak hot water meters, new construction and contractors services, in the Town of Harwich for the year ending December 31, 1956.

In addition to these inspections there were many trips with electricians to look over prospective work and advise as to location of services and what was needed to comply with the code.

We also want to inform home owners to the fact, that there has been enacted an amendment to the General Laws which requires any person installing any electrical wiring or fixtures to notify the inspector within five days after completing the work. Any person failing to give such notice shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars.

Location	Estimate	Time	Inspections
West Harwich	10,600	84½ hrs.	93
Harwichport	33,600	67½	75
East Harwich	7,650	42	49
South Harwich	7,950	27½	32
Harwich	3,750	20½	24
Pleasant Lake	3,150	13½	15
North Harwich	450	3	6
Totals	67,150	258½	294

Respectfully submitted,

BRADFORD L. BARRETT

Inspector of Wires

Fire Department and Forest Warden's Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and to the Citizens of the Town of Harwich:

I hereby respectfully submit the annual report of the
Fire Department and Forest Warden's Department for the
year 1956.

Personnel

Rank	Name	Address	Yrs. Service
Chief	*Charles A. Hall	West Harwich	10
Dep. Chief	Arthur H. Chase	Harwich Center	39
Dep. Chief	Fred T. Young, Jr.	Harwichport	27
Captain	*William L. Fratus	Harwichport	9
Chaplain	Rev. Harry Meyers	Harwich Center	3

Ladder #1

Lieutenant	Brenton I. Wixon	Harwich Center	10
Ladderman	Samuel J. Arsenault	Harwichport	7
Ladderman	Eugene Winston	Harwichport	16
Ladderman	Douglas Witherell	Harwich Center	7
Ladderman	Robert Winston	Harwichport	2
Ladderman	Walter Eldredge	Harwich Center	3
Ladderman	Richard Chase	West Harwich	3
Ladderman	Rufus D. Pina	North Harwich	3
Ladderman	Theron C. Holmes, Jr.	Harwich Center	1

Engine #2

Lieutenant	*Robert Greenough	West Harwich	5
Engineman	John Daluze	Pleasant Lake	10
Engineman	Alfred B. Higgins	East Harwich	7
Engineman	Alfred T. Carter	West Harwich	9
Engineman	Emulous E. Hall, Jr.	Harwich Center	10
Engineman	Francis Nickerson	Harwichport	29

Engine #3

Lieutenant	*Richard E. Johnson	West Harwich	2
Engineman	Clayton E. Chase	Harwich Center	11
Engineman	Lawrence F. Nickerson, Jr.	Harwich Center	1
Engineman	William M. Williams	Harwichport	9
Engineman	George Small	South Harwich	4
Engineman	Raymond Gessner	Harwich Center	1
Engineman	William S. Johnson	West Harwich	2

Engine #4

Lieutenant	Arthur P. Doane, Jr.	Harwich Center	10
Engineman	Leo St. Pierre	West Harwich	3
Engineman	Sheldon Thayer, Jr.	South Harwich	1
Engineman	Russell L. Ritchie	Harwich Center	5
Engineman	Arthur Peavey	West Harwich	3
Engineman	Harold Peterson	Pleasant Lake	4

Rank	Name	Address	Yrs. Service
Rescue #1			
Captain	Sheldon Thayer	South Harwich	9
Rescueman	Melvin Orton	West Harwich	1

Special Service Unit (Diving Squad)

Chief	Charles A. Hall
Lieutenant	Richard E. Johnson
Lieutenant	Robert Greenough
Engineman	William S. Johnson
Engineman	Sheldon Thayer, Jr.
Engineman	Russell L. Ritchie
Engineman	Arthur Peavey
Engineman	Lawrence F. Nickerson, Jr.
Engineman	Alfred B. Higgins
Engineman	Raymond Gessner

* Permanent Firefighters

Dispatchers

Mrs. Arthur P. Doane, Jr.	Harwich Center	9
Mrs. Charles A. Hall	West Harwich	7
Mrs. Brenton Wixon	Harwich Center	1
Mrs. Douglas Gardner	Harwichport	5
Mrs. Richard E. Johnson	West Harwich	2
Mrs. Walter Eldredge	Harwich Center	2
Mrs. Veronica Ritchie	Harwich Center	1

Life Members

Mrs. George Moody	(Ex-Dispatcher)	North Harwich
Mr. George Moody	(Ex-Fire Chief)	North Harwich
Mr. John Condon	(Ex-Fire Warden)	Harwich Center
Mr. William Chase	(Ex-Fireman)	Harwichport
Sgt. Charles S. Pratt	(Ex-Fireman)	Japan

Town of Harwich Insurance Rating

(1)	Property subject to minimum rates:	Grade D
(2)	Specifically rated property:	7th Class

STATISTICS

(1)	Total number of fire and rescue alarms answered:			
	NORTH HARWICH	Fire - 10	Rescue - 13	Total - 23
	EAST HARWICH	Fire - 1	Rescue - 10	Total - 11
	SOUTH HARWICH	Fire - 3	Rescue - 19	Total - 22
	WEST HARWICH	Fire - 26	Rescue - 38	Total - 64
	HARWICHPORT	Fire - 31	Rescue - 76	Total - 107
	HARWICH CENTER	Fire - 22	Rescue - 38	Total - 60
	PLEASANT LAKE	Fire - 10	Rescue - 15	Total - 25
	OUT OF TOWN	Fire - 0	Rescue - 4	Total - 4
		Fire - 103	Rescue - 213	Total - 316
(2)	Total hours of service at alarms:			
	Fire	88 hours	15 minutes	
	Rescue	326 hours	20 minutes	
		414 hours	35 minutes	
(3)	Total miles covered answering alarms:			
	Fire		293.0	
	Rescue		7,011.1	
	Total		7,504.1	

(4)	Total number of alarms answered by:	
	1. Ladder No. 1	39
	2. Engine No. 2	45
	3. Engine No. 3	26
	4. Engine No. 4	4
	5. Engine No. 5	29
	6. Rescue No. 1	34
	7. Ambulance	181
(5)	Total number of fire and rescue alarms by type:	
	A. Building	24
	B. Woods and Brush	15
	C. Grass	9
	D. False or Needless	5
	E. Vehicle	2
	F. Dump or Rubbish	6
	G. Investigations	20
	H. Service	13
	I. Chimney	4
	J. Electrical	4
	K. Pier	1
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		103

RESCUE AND AMBULANCE

	(1) Auto and Pedestrian accidents	19
	(2) Maternity	6
	(3) Service	26
	(4) Dead on arrival	7
	(5) Home, Work and Play accidents	28
	(6) Medical	69
	(7) First Aid	13
	(8) Needless	11
	(9) Heart attacks	30
	(10) Out of Town	4
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		213
(6)	Trips to various hospitals with Ambulance and Chief's car:	
	Cape Cod Hospital	118
	Pocasset Sanatorium	16
	Other Hospitals	9
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		143
(7)	Total acres of woodland burned:	2.7 acres
(8)	Total acres of grassland burned:	1.5 acres
(9)	Deaths attributed to fire:	One
(10)	Total number of Gas and Oil inspections:	394
(11)	Total number of Gas and Oil permits issued:	227
(12)	Total number of open air fire permits:	819
(13)	Estimated value of property involved:	
	Buildings	\$134,550.00
	Contents	25,830.00
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		\$160,380.00
(14)	Estimated damage to property involved:	
	Buildings	\$52,625.00
	Contents	11,461.00
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		\$65,086.00

(15)	Insurance paid on property involved:		
	Buildings	\$35,896.54	
	Contents	4,056.00	
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		\$39,952.54	
(16)	Fire Department Budget and Expenditures:		
	Appropriation and Transfer		\$27,004.27
	Fire Chief's salary	\$4,300.00	
	Permanent Firemen's salaries	10,800.00	
	Call Firemen's salaries	4,573.50	
	Vehicle Maintenance	2,338.30	
	Radio Maintenance	252.26	
	Equipment	2,002.22	
	Supplies	690.31	
	Telephone	417.90	
	Electricity	366.96	
	Heating Oil	698.21	
	Town Water	29.06	
	Natural Gas	97.04	
	Repairs to Dept. Building	435.72	
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	Total		27,001.48
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	Returned to 1956 Revenue		\$2.79
(17)	Auxiliary Generator Account:		
	Appropriation	\$1,600.00	
	Expended	1,597.24	
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	Returned to revenue	\$2.73	
(18)	Fire Hose Account:		
	Appropriation	\$900.00	
	Expended	900.00	
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	Returned to revenue	
(19)	Grading and Hardening Driveway:		
	Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
	Expended	1,115.08	
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	Returned to revenue	\$884.92	

To all who realize full well that the new year is going to bring more, rather than fewer problems of your fire department. We appreciate the fact that fire department administration and operation are going to take more, rather than less of the tax dollar if your municipality is to be adequately safeguarded from fire. It is also realized that the fire department will become the target for not only financial but political snipers, as the days pass and the needs of your fire force continue to grow.

In the light of these simple facts, I would like to offer these observations.

The business of suppressing fire is daily becoming more complex, more complicated and more costly. Neither yesterday's methods or yesterday's material can be expected to fortify the fire service. Nor will yesterday's working conditions, hours of service, training and other fundamentals of firemanship suffice to meet the challenge of greater losses of property imposed by today's and tomorrow's accelerated demands.

I would also like to remind you that calls being made upon the fire department for other than fire protection and prevention are increasing, rather than decreasing. The progressive municipality cannot ignore all these demands if it wishes to retain good will of its citizens, regardless of the hardship this situation imposes on the fire service.

Whatever the situation the call firefighters who give their own time for their training and whose recompense for their endeavors are their inner sense of satisfaction when they have saved a neighbor's property from the flames. They have no regular hours, they answer calls when there is a need. They display not only efficiency in their operations, but also efficiency of their equipment. All firefighters are interested in the "morale" of their department and most citizens want their firefighters to be a happy contented force. The town has reason to salute its firefighters, a band of public spirited men who keep themselves well prepared to meet emergencies.

I wish to thank all men and dispatchers of the department for their cooperation and donation of time during the past year: to the members and Chiefs of other towns and to the citizens of Harwich for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. HALL,
Chief of Department

Report of Committee on Town Manager Form of Government

The Committee appointed by the Town Moderator in accordance with the vote of the 1955 Town Meeting to study the advantages and disadvantages of the Town Manager plan of government as compared with the present Board of Three Selectmen plan now in effect in the Town of Harwich submits the following report:

During two years the Committee has studied many reports of the operation of the Town Manager plan of government which has been in effect in various towns and cities of most of the States, many of them towns of size comparable to Harwich. We noted that there is some variation in the extent of authority given to the Town Manager by the different towns so that in some areas he is not much more than a "general superintendent" who does the "leg work" for the Selectmen, while in other areas he is given considerable authority and is held responsible by an unpaid Board of Selectmen for effectively managing the Town's affairs in accordance with the votes of the Town Meeting.

In many cases the voters have adopted the Town Manager form of government as an effective means of correcting either the incompetence, dishonesty, or unfairness of the previous form of government, or to get the town out of debt after wasteful management. In other cases, it has been adopted when a majority of the voters have found no other way to dislodge and get rid of entrenched political control with which they have become thoroughly disgusted.

However, we have concluded that the Board of Selectmen plan of management has for several generations met the needs of the majority of Towns to the satisfaction of the voters; and, since there is no serious condition in the affairs of our Town to arouse the voters, we recommend that they defer for the present any change in our plan of government and give their attention to ways by which to improve the quality of our town officers and the correction of present deficiencies.

To this end, we offer for consideration by the voters the following recommendations:

1. That the annual pay of the three selectmen be increased from the present \$3,000 to \$4,500, in consideration of which they will agree not to derive any other income (directly or indirectly) from the Town.
2. That the authority of the Board of Selectmen be increased by giving them coordinating authority over heads of the Highway, Water, Fire, and Police Departments, as well as over all appointed officers, and that the voters require the Board of Selectmen to bring to the attention of the voters with full information at least three weeks before any regular or special Town Meeting all matters of importance affecting the administration of these Town departments and the welfare of the Town.
3. That the Board of Selectmen be authorized to employ competent engineering talent to investigate and/or plan and/or supervise any project coming under their jurisdiction or that of the Highway, Water, Police, or Fire Departments when, in their judgment such outside assistance is necessary; and in all such cases it shall be the obligation of the Board of Selectmen to make certain that there is proper cooperation between such special assistance and the head of the Departments concerned.
4. Because of the human frailties and the political considerations involved in the administration of the Town affairs and because of the impossibility that all voters shall keep themselves fully and fairly acquainted with all details, we recommend that the Voters appoint a standing Committee of seven property-tax payers, one from each of the seven villages in Harwich, to be chosen by the voters at the 1957 Town Meeting, whose duty and authority it shall be to maintain a continuing study of ways by which the management and performance of the Town government can be improved, and to make a report to the Town Meeting each year containing its comments and recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT W. SLEEPER, Chm.
FLORA HALL MEARS
JOHN LEO MORRIS
WATSON J. SMALL
H. MORRISON MITCHELL

Fourth of July Celebration

1956

Amount of Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Fireworks display	\$750.00	
Labor	20.00	
Lumber for display	3.75	
Edwin Snow Orchestra (Block dance)	40.00	
Quincy Newcomb (Square dance caller)	25.00	
Signs (Labor)	45.00	
Material for signs (Orleans decorating)	30.56	
Chatham Jewelers (Awards for fishing contest)	25.56	
Donald T. Bates (for supplies)	3.95	
	<hr/> \$943.82	
Adjustment from fireworks display	\$100.00	
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Total expenditures	\$843.82	
		<hr/> \$843.82
Balance		<hr/> \$156.18

Contributions:

Staging loaned by Harwich Lumber Co., Inc.

Truck loaned for block dance by Robert Joy.

Electricity for block dance donated by Mr. Frederick Boscheinen of Harwich Port.

Another celebration can go on record as being attended by a record crowd, where an estimated 12,000 or more persons enjoyed the many festivities of the day. An exciting ball game was played by Harwich team vs. a team from the No. Truro Air Force Base. The usual delicious lobster bake, prepared by Roger Munsey as bakemaster, and his committee was served to about 350 persons. The bake was sponsored by the Harwich Police and Fire Associations, respectively, held at Brooks Park on an ideal afternoon.

Following the Lobster bake the band concert was held with the Chatham Band playing many popular, marching and classical selections. At the close of the concert the fireworks were started and the display witnessed, you may agree, was good, but did not compare with those of previous years. That, the committee also agreed and immediately reviewed the contract finding that it was not completely fulfilled. A meeting was arranged between the Selectmen, a representative of the fireworks concern and the committee. It was found that through an error the town did not receive full display of fireworks and a satisfactory adjustment was agreed upon to the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) with the apologies of the Interstate Fireworks Co., Inc.

This past year one of the finest block dances ever held in connection with the Fourth celebration was held at the Old Schoolhouse parking lot in Harwich Port where a record number of the younger set enjoyed both square and round dancing.

Again, it was a very enjoyable Fourth for all and much credit should be given to the Police and Fire Depts. for their alertness to prevent accidents before they happen. Also we desire to extend our thanks to those who contributed much time and labor without compensation to make the celebration so successful.

Respectfully submitted,

FORREST A. EATON, Chairman
CONRAD C. NICKERSON, Police Chief
CHARLES A. HALL, Fire Chief
ROGER MUNSEY
J. BRYCE DUNBAR
LELAND J. MCKENNEY

County Health Dept. Report

Board of Health
Town of Harwich
Harwich, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Following the unusually large outbreak of poliomyelitis, which we experienced in this County during the year 1955, it was not surprising that when poliomyelitis vaccine became available for our children last winter, many parents were anxious to have their children vaccinated.

The doctors of the County at a meeting of the Barnstable County District Medical Society, passed a resolution offering their services to give the vaccine in clinics, if the health authorities would purchase the vaccine.

All vaccine used was purchased by the use of funds appropriated by the Federal and State Governments, as well as the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Miss Adelyn Peabody, the town nurse was responsible for organizing the clinics in the town and publicizing the program. She carried out this assignment in a most efficient manner.

The physicians of the town furnished the medical service for the clinic and assistance was also given by volunteer nurses and others.

During the year, a total of 892 persons or 26.5% of the total population received the poliomyelitis vaccine.

We were very grateful when the Committee appointed by the Board of Health for the purpose of studying the matter of water fluoridation presented unanimously, a favorable report which was adopted by the town meeting. We hope the citizens of Harwich will avail themselves of this preventive measure by casting a favorable vote in the forth coming referendum.

Other members of the County Health Department whose services have been made available to the town are as follows:

Mary Susich, M.A., M.P.H., Public Health Nurse
 Anne P. Halliday, M.S.S., Psychiatric Social Worker
 Alice Dalzell, Dental Hygienist
 Lucy E. Haeselich, R.N.
 George F. Crocker, Jr., Sanitary Inspector
 Ernest C. Eldredge, Sanitary Inspector

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. MOORE, M.D.,
 County Health Officer
 Agent Board of Health

Report of the Board of Health

At present the town has one tuberculosis patient at the Barnstable County Hospital. Financial assistance was given this patient during the year of 1956.

During the year of 1956 there were six premature births reported to the Town of Harwich and no financial assistance was given in any of these cases.

A tool shed and shelter was erected at the Town Dump and James L. Smith was appointed custodian. We feel that the dump is in a much better condition than it has been for a number of years.

The following licenses and permits were issued for the year of 1956:

Lodging House	66
Cleaning Cesspools	3
Massage & Physiotherapy	3
Rubbish & Garbage Collection	6
Inn Holders	10
Cabins	5
Common Victuallers	22
Permission to Mfg. Frozen Desserts	1
Motels	9
1 Bowling Alley (11 alleys)	
Bakeries	3

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN WEEKES
ALTON E. WALKER
EMULOUS E. HALL

Harwich Board of Health

Brooks Free Library Trustees' Report

Brooks Free Library is fortunate in having as Librarian, Mrs. Virginia S. Doane; and, as Assistant Librarian, Mrs. Barbara B. Ford, both college graduates, and, through their leadership, the facilities of the Library are expanding.

The Trustees are members of the Massachusetts Library Trustees Association.

The correspondence course on Library Trusteeship taken by one of the members through the University of Chicago has proved helpful to Trustees and Librarians.

Brooks Block has been repaired and painted this year. The cupola was removed; a sink installed on the second floor; and a new cesspool built.

The Harwich Historical Society vacated the West Room on November 1st. During the past five years, through a long-range program, the Trustees have had the West Room, on the second floor of the building, painted and papered, and fluorescent lighting, as well as a Univent Heating Unit, installed.

We find ourselves very crowded in the three rooms, we now use, and we are ready to use this West Room for a children's and young people's library. We are requesting an appropriation of money in an article in the 1957 Town Warrant to furnish this room.

We have been able to completely redecorate the North Room, used previously for the Rogers Groups, but which now will be used as a quiet reading-reference room. The small room, which has been called our Record Room, also has been painted.

Through the Community Service Committee of the Harwich Woman's Club, with Mrs. William C. Welch as Chairman, the Rogers Groups are being restored and repainted. This collection of Rogers Groups is one of the finest in existence and everyone is most grateful to both Mr. and Mrs. Welch, as well as to the many women who are contributing their time and talent to this service to the community, and particularly to Brooks Free Library.

Through another article in the Town Warrant, we are requesting an appropriation to prepare the South Room for the Rogers Groups with necessary carpentry, painting, lighting, and furnishings.

With all of this accomplished, the Trustees feel that our rooms will be much more attractive and far more efficient for the growing needs of our Library and its service to the townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED B. PAINE
CHARLOTTE P. SIMS
HILLARY M. LeCLAIRE

Trustees

GEORGE F. NICKERSON FUND

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1955	\$5,211.73	
Interest for one year	155.89	
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		\$5,367.62
Payments		184.22
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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1956		\$5,183.40

JOHN F. SMALL FUND

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1955	\$168.66	
Interest for one year	5.09	
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	\$173.75	\$173.75
Payments		None
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Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1956		\$173.75

Librarian's Report

Our Library has enjoyed an unprecedented year of activity with more books, magazines and pamphlets circulated than ever before. However, the figures below do not show the great number of adults and young people who use the library for reference and research work. On one particularly busy evening, 51 people were in the library at the same time.

It has been our aim to improve steadily our reference section by adding major works every year. By subscribing to the Abridged Readers' Guide and keeping issues of the leading magazines for several years, we have been able to increase greatly the usefulness of our periodicals.

Close cooperation with the schools has been fostered by the loan of books to the Elementary School and classes for the sixth and seventh grades weekly at the library. Book Week was observed this year by an exhibit of new books and a program presented by the librarian at Brooks Academy and at the Elementary School. The showing of the film "Assignment—Children" with Danny Kaye was most popular with the young folks.

Many thanks are due to the kind friends who have donated such lovely books, and delightful records, and a special bow to the Police Department for acting as assistant librarians at the end of the summer months.

Books in Library Dec. 1955	10,820
Books Added 1956:	
Adult	486
Children's	104
Books Removed	5
Books in Library Dec. 1956	11,405
Record Albums added	76
Magazines purchased	32
Circulation:	
Adult	13,624
Juvenile	8,927
Magazines	1,584
Records	366
Pamphlets	173

VIRGINIA S. DOANE, Librarian
Brooks Free Library

Report of the Elementary School Building Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of the Town of Harwich:

The Elementary School Building Committee having fulfilled its duties to the best of its ability with the interest of the town and the school children in mind will turn the new addition to the Elementary School over to the Town School Committee prior to March 1st, 1957.

The chairman can only say thanks to a conscientious, hard working, well balanced committee that has been a pleasure to work with.

Respectfully submitted,

BRENTON I. WIXON, Chm.
E. GORHAM NICKERSON
ARTHUR P. DOANE, JR.
ELIZABETH W. MITCHELL,
Secretary

Report of the Finance Committee

The Annual Town Meeting of 1956 voted \$8,000.00 for the Reserve Fund, to be used by the Finance Committee for emergency purposes.

The following disbursements have been made:

Reserve Fund Appropriation		\$8,000.00
Mar. 26—Snow Removal	\$3,500.00	
June 11—Snow Removal	400.00	
June 11—Police Radios	237.87	
Aug. 14—Disability Assistance	1,600.00	
Sept. 28—Disability Assistance	1,600.00	
Oct. 6—Veterans Department	282.00	
Oct. 6—Fire Department	274.50	
		<hr/> 7,894.37
		<hr/> \$105.63

The heavy snow fall the early part of the year took quite a large part of the Reserve Fund so that we were unable to meet requests at the end of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. BALDWIN, Chm.
HENRY HIGGINS
GUY O. PUTNAM
RALPH CASHEN, SR.
ASAHEL E. DRAKE
ALFRED PAINE
CARLTON E. CHANDLER
ALFRED CARTER
IRVIN PHIPPS
Finance Committee

Report of the Cemetery Commissioners

This year, more than ever before, our summer guests and tourists were seen to visit the various cemeteries throughout the town for one or more of several reasons. This year, also, proved to be one in which practically all vegetation grew with a determined vigor. Nearly all of our appropriation was consumed in the mowing of the grass alone. A few small overturned stones were righted and considerable brush and debris removed from the ten cemeteries whose care is under our supervision.

In view of the fact that future years may prove as green as 1956, the present appropriation is far from sufficient to make repair to, and paint, fences, gates and posts around and within our cemeteries. These repairs and this painting have demanded our attention for some time and it is hoped that an increase in the present appropriation will permit us to have this work taken care of.

Only a few of the present voters in this town are aware of the existence of a cemetery (Lothrop Cemetery, so-called) off Lothrop Avenue. This cemetery has been the object of target practice by gun shot and other destructive action. The posts and fencing have been completely destroyed and all the markers either broken or stolen. We wish to restore some sort of boundary marking and to clear out the roadway approaching the area. These are only two of the many objectives we hope to accomplish in the near future. Any information regarding names and dates on former markers in this cemetery any person is able to furnish this committee will be gratefully received.

It is only right that we show proper respect for our loved ones, friends and relations who laid the foundation for our town and for those who gave their lives for our country.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. S. HANDREN

RODNEY A. O'BRIEN

AMBROSE J. NICKERSON

Cemetery Commissioners

Report of the Municipal Airport Study Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Harwich,
Harwich, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

As an appointed committee to study the advantages and disadvantages of a Municipal Airport, and the advisability of acquiring land for that purpose.

We will make a complete report to the Selectmen of Harwich this year. No report can be turned in until we have the final approval of the Massachusetts Aeronautical Commission.

Respectfully yours,

WILFRED E. ADAMS
CHARLES S. HARTIG
FRED W. CROWELL, JR.
DONALD E. HALL
RICHARD SYMMES

Report of the Trustees of the Caleb Chase Fund

Income received January 1, 1956	
to December 31, 1956	\$835.21
Paid to town of Harwich for use by the	
Welfare Department January 1, 1956	
to December 31, 1956	\$835.21

Statement of Investments

30 shares General Electric Co.	567.60
50 shares The National Shawmut Bank of Boston	1,312.50
53 shares First National Bank of Boston	1,850.00
30 shares American Telephone & Telegraph Company	4,668.01
3 conv. Debenture Bonds Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.	300.00
The Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank a/c 16601	1,605.38
	\$10,303.49

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS B. SAWYER, Treasurer
Trustees Caleb Chase Fund
Town of Harwich, Mass.

Jury List

- Barker, Wilma I.—Depot Ave., S. Harwich—Clerk—Thayer's Gift & Flower Shop, Main St., S. Harwich.
Husband—Commercial Fisherman—Gearwar, Dennisport.
- Chandler, Carlton E.—Depot St., N. Harwich—Truck Driver—Town of Harwich Highway Department.
- Chase, Emma G.—Main St., Harwich—Secretary Snow Inn, Snow Inn Rd., Harwich Port.
Husband—Bookkeeper—Flax Pond Lumber Co., S. Yarmouth Rd., Dennis.
- Crowell, Cleon S.—Wah-Wah-Taysee Rd., Harwich Port—Self employed—Wood carving—Wah-Wah Taysee Rd., Harwich Port.
- Doble, Charles French—45 Freeman St., Harwich Port—Retired—formerly with Pneumatic Scales Corp. Lt., N. Quincy.
- Dreher, Raymond C.—32 Wequasset Rd., Harwich Port—Self employed—Advertising & Public Relations Consultant—32 Wequasset Rd., Harwich Port.
- Ellis, Joseph L.—Freeman St., Harwich Port—Retired—formerly self employed Garage owner—Ellis' Garage, Main St., Harwich Port.
- Farham, Eric A.—Main St., West Harwich—Self employed—Furniture Decorator and Refinisher—Main St., West Harwich.
- Gardner, Ruth R.—20 Freeman St., Harwich Port—Owner of guest house and part time clerk—Buttner Co., Main St., Harwich Port.
- Gavigan, James Henry—Park St., Harwich—Self employed—owner Hall's Gulf Station, Pleasant Lake Ave., Harwich.
- Hall, Christine L.—6 Witchmere Lane, Harwich Port—housewife.
- Hall, Millard P.—Depot St., West Harwich—Salesman—Cape Way Motors, Hyannis.
- Larkin, Robert R.—Main St., West Harwich—Self employed—Realtor and owner Bob Larkin's Sport Shop, Main St., West Harwich.
- LeClaire, Vivian D.—Miles St., Harwich Port—Housewife.
Husband: Teacher—Harwich High School.
- McCarthy, Robert E.—Sunset Rd., Harwich Port—Retired—formerly Claim Adjustor—Aetna Life Casualty Ins. Co., Pearl St., Hartford, Conn.
- Morgan, Russell B.—17 Sea St., Harwich Port—Self employed—owner R. B. Morgan's Sportswear—546 Main St., Harwich Port.
- Nickerson, Hugh C.—Church St., East Harwich—Foreman—Acme Laundry Co., Inc., Chatham.
- Nye, Eddis B.—31 Pilgrim Rd., Harwich Port—Housewife.
Husband: Pres. Harwich Lumber Co., Inc., Kelley St., Harwich.
- O'Donnell, Dorothy S.—1 Archibald Circle, West Harwich—Cashier—Great A & P Tea Co., Main St., Harwich Port.
Husband: with N.Y., N.H. & H., R. R.
- Pevear, Harold R.—56 Brooks Rd., Harwich Port—Retired—formerly Self Employed—Waltham Coal Co., Waltham.
- Pierce, M. Abbie—Pleasant St., Harwich Port—Hostess-Clerk—Harwich Golf Associates, South St., Harwich Port.

- Raneo, John Stanley—Main St., Harwich—Carpenter—T. L. Cottrell, Riverside Drive, West Harwich.
- Rogers, Lillian S.—11 Hoyt Rd., Harwich Port—Housewife & part time Pastry Cook, Snow Inn, Harwich Port.
Husband: Retired & part time printer—Snow Inn, Harwich Port.
- Smith, Edna S.—Depot St., West Harwich—Housewife.
Husband: Self employed—sign painter—Depot St., West Harwich.
- Sparks, Cecile M.—Main St., West Harwich—self employed—Realtor—Main St., West Harwich.
- Tobey, Eleanor D.—Bank St., Harwich—Housewife.
Husband: Retail Grocer—J. F. Tobey & Son—Main St., Harwich.
- Tuttle, Wilbur E.—Oak St., Harwich—Salesman—Shepard Clark Co., 9 Bowker St., Boston.
- Vachon, Dorothy S.—24 Pilgrim Rd., Harwich Port—Housewife.
Husband: Bank Clerk—Cape Cod Trust Co., Main St., Harwich Port.
- Welt, Barbara M.—Red River Rd., S. Harwich—Housewife.
Husband: Self employed—Artist & Sign Painter, Main St., South Harwich.
- Wilbur, Edgar M.—Pleasant Bay Rd., East Harwich—Self employed—Farmer.

Report of the Moth Superintendent

Once upon a time someone passed a law in this State whereby every city and town must have a Moth Superintendent. Certain duties were assigned to this town official and for several years the Moth Superintendent went his way with an annual appropriation which received little attention from the voters. Up to 1936 whatever funds he did get were intended for use in getting rid of the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths. Both the actual work and the appropriation varied in relation to the population of the insects.

With the arrival of D.D.T. and the knowledge that its use could actually destroy the Gypsy Moth and several other insect pests, the Moth Superintendent suddenly found himself receiving more and more calls for help from his taxpayers. And today the Moth Superintendent has the responsibility of destroying more than a dozen more pests. These include along with the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths, Tent Caterpillar, Canker Worm, Oriental Hag Moth, Elm Leaf Beetle, Bark Beetles, Dutch Elm Disease, Fall Webworm, Woodticks, Poison Ivy, Golden Rod, and the Japanese Beetle.

Now I want to give you a summary in brief of the conditions in which I found these pests the past year.

There was a slight decrease in the number of Tent Caterpillar, Fall Webworm and many of the other not so well known pests.

Five male Gypsy Moth millers were caught in traps maintained all over the Town during July and August. This increase of millers captured was general all over the Cape. This condition must be watched very closely this coming year.

The dreaded Dutch Elm Disease has increased to three large elm trees killed this year. This increase has been prevalent all over the State including the Cape.

The number of Japanese Beetles making their appearance are increasing very rapidly and the damage caused by these pests is the worst this Town has ever experienced. I expect these pests to increase much more this coming year, and I had to increase my budget because of this.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. CAHOON,
Pest Control Officer

Dutch Elm Disease Control

Appropriation		\$700.00
Expenditures		
Labor hire	\$348.38	
Truck hire	148.50	
Transportation	18.62	
Insecticides	139.50	
Power saw hire	45.00	
		\$700.00

Report of the Tree Warden

I herewith submit my annual report as Tree Warden for the year ending December 31, 1956.

The demands of this department during the year have been the same as usual. Funds that were spent on hurricane damage during the past years was used to repair many of the older trees. Large cavities were filled and many short stubs that cause these cavities were sawed off and painted. All the small trees were fertilized and watered as usual.

Twenty-seven Norway Maples were set out and cared for during the year. With eighteen of this number being planted near the school on South Street. Fifty-one small Red Pine and Spruce trees were removed from the nursery and set out near several of the cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER E. CAHOON,

Tree Warden

Forestry Department

Appropriation		\$800.00
Expenditures		
Labor hire	\$284.59	
Truck hire	307.25	
Transportation	68.38	
Power saw hire	50.65	
Fertilizer	35.20	
Miscellaneous supplies	32.97	
Filing saws	5.00	
Nursery (bull dozer)	10.00	
		\$800.00

Planting Shade Trees

Appropriation		\$500.00
Expenditures		
Trees (35)	\$320.50	
Labor hire	79.20	
Truck hire	84.00	
Transportation	2.60	
Fertilizer etc.	13.70	
		\$500.00

Report of the Shellfish Warden Year 1956

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Harwich:

The shellfish conditions in Harwich this year, again show an improvement over the previous year. There are areas of heavy sets of seed quahaugs and soft shell clams. Last year's oyster set is in good condition and will be of ample size for use in two years.

Heavy plantings of large and small quahaugs at Allen Harbor and Round Cove have provided plenty of shellfish for those who wanted to get out and get them.

This year's scallop crop failed to materialize and next year's crop will be only fair at its best.

The fight against predators was stepped up this year and must increase even more next year. As the quantity of shellfish increases, do do the predators.

Again I wish to extend my thanks for your cooperation along the shores. Without this cooperation our shellfish propagation program could not have succeeded as it did.

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER W. MUNSEY,
Shellfish Constable

1956 Shellfish Statistics—Permits

Commercial	9
Non-resident	65
Resident	294
Total	368

1956 Shellfish Statistics—Violations

No Permits	34
Undersized shellfish	14
Digging in closed areas	9
Other	31

1956 Shellfish Statistics—Shellfish Moved

Scallops	170 bushels
Quahaugs (seed)	19 bushels
Quahaugs (large)	294 bushels
Quahaugs (small)	30 bushels
Clams (seed)	7 bushels

1956 Shellfish Statistics—Predators

Conchs (destroyed)	101 bushels
Horseshoe Crabs	600 (app)
Oyster Drills	41 quarts

1956 Shellfish Statistics—Production

	Quahaugs			Oysters		
	Bu.		Value	Bu.		Value
	Comm	Fam.		Comm	Fam.	
January	70	102	\$860.00	36	38	\$370.00
February	21	61	425.00	0	18	144.00
March	89	61	750.00	32	21	328.00
April	42	42	340.00	8	16	174.00
May	84	30	520.00			
June	107	33	700.00			
July	84	31	525.00			
August	33	22	275.00			
September	80	26	530.00		6	48.00
October	71	31	510.00		14	112.00
November	74	52	630.00	100	12	896.00
December	61	106	835.00	125	10	1080.00
TOTALS	816	584	\$6900.00	301	135	\$3152.00

	Scallops			Conchs		Misc.	
	Bu.		Val.	Bu.	Value	Bu.	Value
	Com.	Fam.		Comm			
January	12	2	\$84.00				
February							
March				6	\$12.00		
April				8	16.00	m-6	\$18.00
May				6	12.00	s w	20.00
June				17	34.00	s w	20.00
July						s w	20.00
August						s w	20.00
September						m - s w	30.00
October						m	6.00
November		4	24.00				
December	12	6	108.00	37	\$74.00		\$134.00

Total Value of Shellfish—\$10,368.00

m—mussels

s w—sea worms

Treasurer's Report

Cr.	
Cash on Hand January 1, 1956	\$585,756.54
Received during 1956	1,158,825.79
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Total Receipts	\$1,744,582.33
Dr.	
Payments made by Warrants	\$1,391,872.53
Cash in Cape Cod Trust Co. Dec. 31, 1956	352,595.90
Cash on Hand in Treasury Dec. 31, 1956	113.90
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	\$1,744,582.33

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY K. BEARSE

Treasurer

BROOKS MEDAL FUND—1956

Dr.	
Amount of Fund December 31, 1955	\$1,252.47
Interest accrued in 1956	37.85
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	\$1,290.32
Cr.	
No payments made in 1956	
Amount on hand December 31, 1956	\$1,290.32

DOG LICENSES—1956

207 Males	@ \$2.00	\$414.00
51 Females	@ 5.00	255.00
95 Spayed	@ 2.00	190.00
9 Breeders	@ 10.00	90.00
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362	Total	\$949.00
Deducted for fees	@ .20	72.40
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Amount due County for Licenses		\$876.60

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY K. BEARSE,
Town Clerk

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS — PERPETUAL CARE LOTS

	Name of Cemetery	Principal	Interest Expended
Allen, Jairus	Mount Pleasant	\$50.00	\$1.50
Allen, Mercie K.	Island Pond	200.00	6.00
Ansell, William E.	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Atkins, Prince A.	Island Pond	200.00	6.00
Atwood, Love C.	Island Pond	150.00	4.00
Baker, Aaron E.	Pine Grove	50.00	1.50
Baker, Austin	Pine Grove	50.00	1.50
Baker, Mrs. Cyrus	H. C., Church	100.00	3.00
Baker, John Avery	H. C., Church	100.00	3.00
Baker, Richard R.	Mt. Pleasant	100.00	3.00
Baker, Sarah M.	Pine Grove	50.00	1.50
Baker, Theop. B., Sr.	H. C. Church	200.00	5.00
Barnes, Wm. P.	Pine Grove	200.00	7.00
Bassett, Alvin N.	Island Pond	200.00	7.00
Bassett, Heman E.	Island Pond	100.00	3.00
Bassett, Isaac	Island Pond	300.00	11.00
Bassett, Vincent C.	Island Pond	250.00	12.00
Bent, Charles T. A.	Island Pond	5,000.00	471.00
Bearse, Isaac M.	Pine Grove	150.00	4.50
Bee, Benj. F.	Island Pond	100.00	3.00
Berry, Henry C.	Pine Grove	100.00	4.00
Berry, Herbert F.	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Berry, James Jr.	Pine Grove	100.00	4.00
Berry, James C.	Pine Grove	100.00	4.00
Berry, Judah Jr.	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Briggs, Emma J.	North Harwich	50.00	1.25
Brown & Phillips	Evergreen	100.00	3.00
Bullard, Maude	Evergreen	250.00	4.00
Butler, Joseph L. & Overbaugh, A.	Island Pond		
	Evergreen	200.00	5.50
Cahoon, Alpheus	H. C. Church	75.00	2.00
Cahoon, Elvira R.	Island Pond	125.00	5.00
Cahoon, Emulous A.	Island Pond	50.00	
Cahoon, Joel B.	Evergreen	150.00	3.00
Cahoon, Myra L.	North Harwich	200.00	1.25
Chase - Thacher, Alfred	Pine Grove	300.00	11.00
Chase, Anna	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Chase, Arthur F.	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Chase, Benj. R.	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Chase, Benj. W.	Pine Grove	200.00	5.00
Chase, Caleb	Pine Grove	300.00	8.00
Chase, Edgar W.	Pine Grove	50.00	2.00
Chase, Freeman E.	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Chase, Henry N.	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Chase, Joseph W.	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Chase, Judah Howard	Mt. Pleasant	300.00	
Chase, Robert W.	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Chase, Reuben R.	North Harwich	300.00	10.00
Chase, Sylvanus	Mt. Pleasant	100.00	3.00
Cole, Stephen	Island Pond	200.00	9.00
Crapo, William F.	Island Pond	150.00	4.00
Crowell, Jos. W.	Island Pond	100.00	
Crowell, George F.	South Harwich	50.00	1.00

Cemetery Trust Funds—Continued

	Name of Cemetery	Principal	Interest Expended
Crosby & Hubbard	North Harwich	200.00	2.50
Crosby, Henry T.	Island Pond	200.00	6.00
Cobb, Frederick E.	Pine Grove	100.00	
Cobb, Frederick	Pine Grove	200.00	3.00
Cook, Ruth S.	Island Pond	50.00	
Cummings, James W.	Pine Grove	50.00	2.00
Cummings, Ralph	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Davis, Amy B.	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Doane, Abisha	South Harwich	250.00	5.00
Doane, Morris	South Harwich	250.00	5.00
Doane, Franklin S.	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Doane, Lewis B.	Mt. Pleasant	50.00	1.50
Doane, James B.	Pine Grove	100.00	
Doyle, Lawrence	Catholic Cem.	200.00	
Dunton, Chas. W.	Island Pond	25.00	
Ellis, Albyron	Evergreen	200.00	4.00
Ellis, Theodore R.	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Eldredge, Benj. F.	Island Pond	100.00	3.00
Eldredge, Ebenezer	Island Pond	100.00	3.00
Eldredge, Frederick S.	South Harwich	100.00	3.00
Eldredge, Isaiah K.	Pine Grove	100.00	2.50
Eldredge, Isaac B.	South Harwich	200.00	8.00
Eldredge, James H.	Pine Grove	50.00	1.50
Eldredge, Milton L.	South Harwich	100.00	3.00
Eldredge, John P.	South Harwich	100.00	3.00
Eldredge, Polly	North Harwich	50.00	2.40
Emery, Frank A.	Mt. Pleasant	50.00	1.50
Emery, Frank H.	South Harwich	50.00	1.00
Foster, Nathan	H. C., Church	250.00	6.00
Gorham, Nat'l T.	South Harwich	150.00	3.00
Ghen, Clarence A.	South Harwich	100.00	3.00
Goss, Alton P.	Pine Grove	50.00	1.50
Goff, Hope F. B.	North Harwich	100.00	3.00
Hall, Daniel	Island Pond	100.00	3.00
Handren & Baker	H. C., Church	300.00	14.00
Harris, J. Everett	Pine Grove	100.00	4.00
Hays, Samuel L.	Pine Grove	100.00	3.25
Hayward, Sylvanus A.	Pine Grove	100.00	4.00
Hooks, Gilman	Pine Grove	100.00	4.00
Hopkins, Giles	H. C., Church	50.00	2.00
Hurd, M. Irene	Island Pond	110.00	3.00
Ives, Mary T.	Mt. Pleasant	50.00	1.50
James, George L.	Pine Grove	100.00	
Janes, Mary	Pine Grove	200.00	3.00
Jones, Asa L.	Island Pond	100.00	
Kelley, Baxter D.	Pine Grove	50.00	1.50
Kelley, Eunice B.	Mt. Pleasant	100.00	25.00
Kendrick, Benj.	Mt. Pleasant	50.00	1.50
Kendrick, Elmore	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Kendrick, Alonzo	South Harwich	100.00	6.00
Kendrick, Mary B.	Mt. Pleasant	100.00	3.00
Kelley, Benj. F.	Pine Grove	75.00	3.00
Kelley, Gustavus	Pine Grove	200.00	8.00

Cemetery Trust Funds—Continued

	Name of Cemetery	Principal	Interest Expended
Kelley, Robert B.	Pine Grove	200.00	4.00
Long, Abner F.	Island Pond	100.00	2.00
Long, Albert D.	Mt. Pleasant	50.00	1.50
Long, Clara M.	Pine Grove	50.00	1.50
Long, Levi	Island Pond	200.00	
Lopes, John M.	Island Pond	100.00	
Lothrop, Davis	Pine Grove	200.00	6.00
Lothrop, John D.	Pine Grove	150.00	3.00
Loveland, Elizabeth	H. C., Church	25.00	3.00
McLean, James	Island Pond	50.00	1.00
Miles, Samuel J.	South Harwich	75.00	2.00
Megathlin, Anthony S.	Island Pond	300.00	6.00
Moody, James & Sidney B.	Island Pond	100.00	3.00
Mullins, Daniel J.	Pine Grove	200.00	
Munsell, George N.	Island Pond	200.00	6.00
Nickerson, Alonzo, Jr.	Evergreen	150.00	3.00
Nickerson, Darius M.	Pine Grove	100.00	4.00
Nickerson, George W.	South Harwich	200.00	6.00
Nickerson, Henry	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Nickerson, Huldah	Island Pond	50.00	
Nickerson, James B.	Island Pond	200.00	
Nickerson, Joshua	Mt. Pleasant	250.00	10.00
Nickerson, John W. & John P.	Pine Grove	500.00	12.00
Nickerson, Nathan & Thankful	Evergreen	150.00	3.00
Nickerson, Nathan E.	South Harwich	100.00	3.00
Nickerson, Lovetta & Chase, Neri	Pine Grove	400.00	15.00
Nickerson, Philip L.	South Harwich	400.00	12.00
Nickerson, Samuel T.	South Harwich	100.00	3.00
Norris, Ann J.	Pine Grove	100.00	
Old Methodist Church Cem.	East Harwich	616.84	
Oliver, Charles B.	Pine Grove	50.00	1.50
Pachard, Charles H.	Island Pond	200.00	3.00
Phillips, Deborah C.	Mt. Pleasant	50.00	
Phillips, Lewis L.	H. C. Church	200.00	8.00
Phillips, Jacob F.	Island Pond	100.00	6.00
Paine, Walter I.	Island Pond	400.73	20.00
Potter, Eugene H.	Pine Grove	200.00	5.00
Ritchie, Gordon	Pine Grove	200.00	7.00
Robbins, Joseph & Nath'l	H. C., Church	250.00	12.00
Rogers, Bessie R.	Pine Grove	50.00	1.50
Ryder, Jas. Freeman	North Harwich	300.00	1.25
Sears, Burton G.	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Sears, Edith E.	North Harwich	50.00	1.25
Sewell, Susan B.	Pine Grove	200.00	6.00
Shaw, Susan D.	Mt. Pleasant	50.00	1.50
Sherman-Freeman-Taylor	Island Pond	600.00	25.00
Simmons, Burgess T.	Mt. Pleasant	100.00	3.00
Sisson, John R. - Phebe	Pine Grove	200.00	5.00
Sleuman, Frederick	Pine Grove	150.00	4.00
Sparrow, Henry L.	Island Pond	100.00	3.00
Sparrow, Phebe	Island Pond	25.00	
Smith, Daniel H.	Island Pond	100.00	

Cemetery Trust Funds—Continued

	Name of Cemetery	Principal	Interest Expended
Smith, Joseph	Pine Grove	100.00	3.00
Smith, F. Otto	Island Pond	200.00	4.00
Smith, Warren	Pine Grove	100.00	4.00
Snow, Augustus C.	Mt. Pleasant	100.00	3.00
Snow, Chester	Island Pond	100.00	3.00
Snow, Ernest L.	Pine Grove	100.00	3.50
Snow, Franklin	Mt. Pleasant	100.00	3.00
Snow, Franklin D. & Stearns Ward	South Harwich	100.00	3.00
Snow, John L.	Pine Grove	100.00	3.50
Snow, Laban	Mt. Pleasant	100.00	3.00
Snow, Levi	Mt. Pleasant	50.00	1.50
Snow, Herbert Franklin	H. C., Church	200.00	12.00
Small, Aaron	H. C., Church	100.00	3.00
Small, Abner L.	Mt. Pleasant	150.00	10.00
Small, Edwin A.	Evergreen	250.00	
Small, Elizabeth	South Harwich	50.00	2.00
Small, David L.	Island Pond	200.00	6.00
Small, Samuel	Evergreen	125.00	5.00
Small, Thomas G.	Mt. Pleasant	100.00	4.00
Small, Zebina H.	Mt. Pleasant	200.00	6.00
Smalley, Ebenezer	H. C., Church	150.00	5.00
Starbuck, George W.	H. C., Church	100.00	3.00
Taylor, Daniel B.	North Harwich	100.00	1.25
Taylor, E. F. & Parks, Jere.	Pine Grove	300.00	10.00
Taylor, George B.	Mt. Pleasant	50.00	1.50
Tripp, Gideon H.	South Harwich	200.00	6.00
Turpie, Clarendon - Lilla	Island Pond	100.00	3.00
Underwood, Lucy E.	H. C., Church	150.00	8.00
Underwood, Nathan	H. C., Church	200.00	10.00
Watkins - Chase F. T.	Pine Grove	100.00	3.50
Wixon, Amos F.	Pine Grove	50.00	
Wixon, David E.	North Harwich	50.00	1.25
Willett, Wallace	Mt. Pleasant	200.00	10.00
Young, Jonathan B.	Mt. Pleasant	75.00	2.00
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		\$31,652.57	\$1,233.65

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY K. BEARSE,
Town Treasurer

Report of the Committee on Town Gas Code

The committee appointed by the Selectmen pursuant to the action taken under Article 72 of the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting of 1956 respectfully submit herewith their report.

The present draft is a result of consideration by this committee over a period of one year, and extensive discussion at a series of meetings at which agreement was reached on controversial matters.

The committee feels this is an excellent code and present it to the Town for consideration and adoption after public hearings during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. HALL
RAYMOND GRAYSON
COURTNEY N. CHASE
WINSLOW SAWYER
GEORGE MAXWELL

Committee on Gas Code

Section 1

Gas Fitting Regulations

Definitions

- Para. 1 Gas Fittings: The term "Gas Fitting" as used in these regulations shall mean the work of putting together any fittings, pipes, or fixtures or other appliances which are to contain gas for heat, light or power purposes.
- Para. 2 Gas Appliances: The term "Gas Appliances" shall be deemed to include gas pipes and equipment and/or appliances which are to contain or use gas for heat, light or power purposes.
- Para. 3 Gas Fitter: The term "Gas Fitter" shall be deemed to include only a person, firm or corporation holding a "Gas Fitters Permit" issued by the head of the Fire Department.
- Para. 4 Gas Company: The term "Gas Company" shall be deemed to mean any corporation, company, association or person furnishing gas for heating, lighting, and power purposes within the Town of Harwich, through a system of gas mains, pipes and/or tanks or bottles.

Section 2

Gas Fitting Shall Be Done Only By Qualified "Gas Fitters"

A person, firm, or corporation shall not make or alter a gas installation until a certificate of competency hereafter referred to as a "Gas Fitters Permit" is obtained from the Head of the Fire Department. Such certificate shall be issued on the basis of the following:

1. Previous experience in making installations or alterations to Gas Appliances.
2. Knowledge of, and familiarity with, the type of installations or alterations proposed.
3. Facilities and equipment available for making such an installation.
4. Confirmation through endorsement, of reliability as to the purpose of such certificate.

All statement made with request to the foregoing shall be in writing on forms furnished by the Head of the Fire Department, with such endorsements as he may prescribe, and such certificate shall continue in effect until suspended or revoked for cause by the Head of the Fire Department.

The installation of Gas Burning Equipment must conform with the requirements of the Department of Public Safety, also the American Gas Association, Inc. and be approved by the Head of the Fire Department.

Section 3

"Permits Required"

Whoever desires to install or alter gas appliances shall first make application to the Head of the Fire Department, and obtain a permit therefor. Such application shall be made in the name of the owner or occupant of the building or structure by the person or persons who propose to make the installation of such equipment. Upon exhibition of a "Gas Fitters Permit" as defined in these rules and regulations, and submission of evidence that the gas appliance to be installed or the alteration to be made has been approved by an accredited national testing agency, for the use with such gas as it is to be supplied, the Head of the Fire Department shall grant a permit authorizing such installation or alteration.

Section 4

"Inspection and Approval"

- Para. 1 Inspection and Test: All gas fittings shall be done in accordance with the permit granted. No concealed work shall be covered before being tested. All piping shall be tested to withstand an air pressure of fifty (50) percent in excess of normal operating pressure of the system, and not less than fifty (50) pounds per square inch for not less than ten (10) minutes in welded piping systems, without showing any drop in pressure. The Fire Department may from time to time, as it deems proper cause to be inspected, the gas appliance in any building, and if the inspection shows that they do not comply with the provisions hereof, the gas company shall be so notified in writing. Upon receipt of such notice the gas company shall shut off the supply of gas for such appliances until it has been again notified in writing by the Head of the Fire Department that such appliances have been approved by the Head of the Fire Department.
- Para. 2 Damaged Installation: In buildings that have been damaged by fire or other casualty, the gas piping and fixtures shall not be used or gas turned on until authorized by the Head of the Fire Department.

Para. 3 New Installations: A Gas Company shall not cause or permit the passage of gas from its mains through or to any gas appliances in any building, unless such appliances, and the gas fitting done in connection with the installation thereof have been inspected and approved as required by the provisions hereof.

Section 5 Certificate of Inspection

When any gas fitting or gas appliances have been inspected and approved by the Inspector, such Inspector shall furnish to the Fire Department a written certificate duly signed by him bearing the date upon which inspection was made, or approval given, which shall be kept on file in the Fire Department. Such certificate shall state character of the gas appliances inspected and that the same have been approved for use by the Inspector signing such certificate. A copy of the above certificate shall be furnished to the gas company.

Section 6 Appliances

- Para. 1. Use of Approved Appliances: No gas shall be installed, except that any appliance which is in good condition, may be used only after it is properly converted, adapted, and tested for performance with the gas with which it is to be supplied, before the appliance is placed in use.
- Para. 2 Safety Devices: All automatic gas appliances shall be equipped with an approved automatic device that will prevent excessive temperatures or undue pressure of the appliance.
- Para. 3 A Manual shut-off valve shall be installed at a location where the operator can view the fire.
- Para. 4 All natural gas fired appliances shall be equipped with, automatic devices to shut off flow to the main burners.
- Para. 5 All liquid propane gas fired appliances shall be equipped with, automatic devices to shut off the flow to the main burners and the pilot, should the pilot fail.
- Para. 6 Water Heaters: Water heaters shall not be installed in bedrooms, bathrooms, or any room normally kept closed.

Section 7 Labeling Flues

Flues installed for the use of gas appliances which are not suitable for solid or liquid-fired equipment shall be plainly marked with the words "This Flue For Use Of Gas Appliances Only". The label shall be attached at a point near where the vent pipe enters the chimney, or near where the gas vent enters a wall, floor or ceiling.

No Flue except VanPacker type or its equivalent shall be used as an exterior vent or flue.

Section 8 Venting of Appliances

Under this caption appears the fundamental standards for venting gas appliances which must be observed to assure safety to persons or property under ordinary circumstances.

5.1 REQUIREMENTS FOR VENTING

Gas appliances are here divided into two classifications:

- (1) Appliances required to be vented.
- (2) Appliances not required to be vented.

5.1.1. Appliances required to be vented

Appliances of the following types shall be flue or vent connected or provided with other approved means for exhausting the flue gases to the outside atmosphere.

- (a) Central heating appliances including steam and hot water boilers, warm air furnaces, floor furnaces and vented recessed heaters.
- (b) Unit heaters and ducts furnaces.
- (c) Gas fired incinerators.
- (d) Water heaters with input over 5000 BTU per hour.
- (e) Room heaters listed for vented use only. Room heaters installed in sleeping quarters for use of transients, as in hotels, motels and auto courts, shall be of the vented type and shall be connected to an effective flue or vent and equipped with an automatic pilot. Room heaters installed at any location in institutions such as Homes for the Aged, Sanatoriums, Convalescent Homes, Orphanages, etc. shall be of the vented type and shall be connected to an effective flue or vent and equipped with an automatic pilot. This includes the space heating sections of bungalow gas ranges.
- (f) Appliances equipped with gas conversion burners.
- (g) Appliances which have draft hoods supplied by the appliance manufacturer, refer to paragraph (e) covering installations in sleeping quarters and in institutions.
- (h) Unlisted appliances.

5.1.2 Appliances not required to be vented

- (a) Listed gas ranges.
- (b) Listed hot plates and laundry stoves.
- (c) Listed domestic clothes dryers.
- * (d) Listed water heaters with input not over 5000 BTU per hour.
- * (e) Listed gas refrigerators.
- * (f) Counter Appliances.
- * (g) Room heaters listed for unvented use, refer to 5.1.1 paragraph (e).
- * (h) Other appliances listed for unvented use and not provided with flue collars.

When any or all of the appliances starred above are installed so that the aggregate input rating exceeds thirty (30) BTU per hour per cubic foot of room or space in which they are installed, they shall be flue or vent connected or provided with approved means for exhausting the flue gases to the outside atmosphere. Where the room or space in which they are installed is directly connected to another room or space by a doorway, archway, or other opening of comparable size, which cannot be closed, the volume of such adjacent room or space may be included in the calculations.

5.2 DRAFT HOODS

Every vented appliance, except incinerators, dual oven type combination ranges, and units designed for power burners or for forced venting shall have a draft hood. If the draft hood is not a part of the appliance or supplied by the appliances manufacturer, it shall be supplied by the installer and in the absence of other instructions shall be the same size as the appliance flue collar. For suggested general dimensions for such draft hoods refer to pages 72, 73, and 74 in the American Gas Association Inc. pamphlet, approved in 1954.

5.2.2 Installation of Draft Hoods

Where the draft hood is a part of the appliance or is supplied by the appliance manufacturer, it shall be installed without alteration in accordance with the manufacturers instructions. In the absence of manufacturers instructions, the draft hood shall be attached to the flue collar of the appliance or as near to the appliance as conditions permit. In no

case shall draft hood be installed in a false ceiling, in a different room, or in any manner that will permit a difference in pressure between the draft hood relief opening and the combustion air supply.

5.2.3 Position of Draft Hood

A draft hood shall be installed in the position for which it was designed with reference to the horizontal and vertical planes, and shall be so located that the relief opening is not obstructed by any part of the appliance or adjacent construction.

5.2.4 Special Draft Hoods

Where the installer must supply a draft hood of special design, advice of the local gas company or the authority having jurisdiction as to its use shall be secured.

5.3 TYPE OF FLUES OR VENTS

5.3.1 Type A Flue or Vent

Flue or vents of masonry reinforced concrete, or metal smoke stacks. Type A flue or vents shall be employed for venting:

- (1) All incinerators.
- (2) All appliances which may be connected readily to the use of solid or liquid fuels.
- (3) All boiler and warm air furnaces except where the local authority having jurisdiction approves the use of type B gas flue or vents.

5.3.2 Type B Gas Flues or Vents

Vent piping of non-combustible, corrosion resistant material of sufficient thickness, cross sectional area, and heat insulating quality to avoid excess temperatures on adjacent combustible material and listed by a nationally recognized testing agency. Type B gas flues or vents shall be used only with approved gas appliances which produce flue gas temperatures not in excess of 550° F at the outlet of the draft hood when burning gas at the manufacturer's normal input rating and not specified to be vented to type A flues or vents. Type B gas flues or vents shall be installed with clearances to combustible construction in accordance with their listing.

5.3.3 Type C Gas Flue or Vents

Flue or vent piping of sheet copper of not less than No. 24 U. S. standard gage or of galvanized iron of not less than No. 20 U. S. standard gage, or of other approved corrosion-resistant material. Type C gas flue or vents shall be used only for runs directly from the space in which the appliance is located through the roof or exterior wall to the outer air. Such flues or vents shall not pass through an attic or concealed space not through any floor. Installation with reference to clearance to combustible construction and passage through wall or roof shall comply with provisions of 5.4.7 and 5.4.8.

5.4 FLUES OR VENTS CONNECTORS

5.4.1 Materials:

The material used for the flue or vent connector shall be resistant to corrosion and be of sufficient thickness to withstand damage.

5.4.2 Avoid Bends:

The flue or vent connectors shall be installed so as to avoid short turns or other constructional features which would create excessive resistance to the flow of flue gases.

5.4.3 Pitch

The flue or vent connector shall maintain a pitch or rise from the appliance to the flue or vent. A rise as great as possible, at least ¼-inch to the foot (horizontal length) shall be maintained. The horizontal run shall be free from any dips or sags.

5.4.4 Provide Vertical Run

Wherever sufficient headroom is available appliances having a horizontal flue outlet shall be provided with a vertical run or flue or vent to connector before the horizontal run. To minimize frictional resistance in the connector, it is recommended that 45 degree elbows be used.

5.4.5 Length

The horizontal run of the connector shall be as short as possible and the appliance shall be located as near the flue or vent as practicable. The maximum length of horizontal run shall not exceed 75 per cent of the height of the flue or vent.

5.4.6 Support

Flue or vent connectors shall be securely supported.

5.4.7 Clearance

Flue or vent connectors shall be located in such a manner that continued operation of the appliance will not raise the temperature of surrounding combustible construction more than 90° F above normal room temperature when measured with mercury thermometer or conventional head type thermocouples. Where flue or vent connectors pass through partitions or combustible construction, ventilated thimbles shall be used. Minimum clearance from combustible construction to flue or vent connectors for listed appliances are shown in Table 9 of the American Gas Code Association pamphlet. For unlisted appliances, the minimum shall be 9 inches from metal flue or vent connectors except for incinerators where the minimum clearance shall be 18 inches. The clearance for metal flue or vent connectors to combustible construction maybe reduced as specified in Table 10 of the American Gas Code pamphlet, approved 1954.

5.4.8 Use of Thimbles

Flue or vent connectors other than type B, shall not pass through any combustible walls or partitions unless they are guarded at the point of passage by ventilated metal thimbles not smaller than the following:

For listed appliance except floor furnaces and incinerators 4-inches larger in diameter than the flue or vent connector, unless there is a run of not less than 6 feet of flue or vent connector in the open, between the draft hood outlet and the thimble, in which case the thimble may be 2-inches larger in diameter than the flue or vent connector. For listed floor furnaces and all unlisted appliances except incinerators 6-inches larger in diameter than the flue or vent connector. For incinerators 12-inches larger in diameter than the flue or vent connector.

5.4.9 Size

The flue or vent connector shall not be smaller than the size of the flue collar or the size of the outlet of the draft hood supplied by the manufacturer of a gas designed appliance. Where the appliance has more than one flue outlet, and in the absence of the manufacturer's specific instructions, the flue or vent connector shall equal the combined area of the flue outlets for which it acts as a common connector to the flue or vent.

5.4.10 Dampers

No manually operated damper shall be placed in the flue or vent connector from a gas appliance except as noted below. Fixed baffles ahead of draft hoods are not classified as dampers. A manually operated or barometric damper may be installed in the flue or vent connector of a gas incinerator when recommended by the manufacturer.

The manual damper shall be so constructed that it will not close off more than 80 percent of the cross-sectional area of the flue or vent connector. Such a damper will be supplied with a listed incinerator if the manufacturer recommends its use, and the installation instructions accompanying the incinerator will include complete information for installations of the damper.

5.4.11 Fireplace

A flue or vent connector shall not be connected to a chimney flue having a fireplace opening unless the opening is permanently sealed.

5.5 FLUES OR VENTS

This section applies only to natural draft venting. Forced draft or exhaust systems and powers burners usually require special engineering and installation shall be approved by the local authority.

5.5.1 Check Chimney

Before connecting a flue or vent connector, the flue or vent shall be examined to ascertain that it is properly constructed, clear, and will freely conduct the products of combustion to the outer air.

5.5.2 Size

The flue or vent to which the flue or vent connector is connected shall be of a size not less than specified in figure 7 of American Gas Code pamphlet approved in 1954. In no case shall the area be less than the area of 3-inch diameter pipe. When more than one appliance vents into a flue or vent, the flue or vent area shall not be less than the area of the largest flue or vent connector plus 50 percent of the area of the additional flue or vent connectors. Any shaped flue or vent may be used provided its flue gas venting capacity is equal to the capacity of round pipe for which it is substituted.

5.5.3 Height

The flue or vent should extend high enough above the building or other neighboring obstruction so that the wind from any direction will not strike the flue or vent from an angle above the horizontal. Unless the obstruction is of great magnitude, it is usual experience that a flue or vent extended at least two feet above the highest part of wall parapets and peaked roofs within 30 feet will be reasonably free from down drafts.

5.5.4 Chimney Entrance

In entering a chimney flue, the connection shall be above the extreme bottom to avoid stoppage. Means shall be employed which will prevent the flue or vent connector from entering so far as to unduly restrict the space between its end and the opposite wall of the chimney. A thimble or slip joint may be used to facilitate removal of the flue or vent connector for cleaning.

5.5.5 Cleanouts

Cleanouts shall be of such construction that they will remain tightly closed when not in use.

5.5.6 Venting Into Flues Used For Other Fuels

An automatically controlled gas appliance connected to a flue which also serves equipment for the combustion of solid or liquid fuel shall be equipped with an automatic pilot. A gas appliance flue or vent connector and a smoke pipe from an appliance burning another fuel may be connected through a single opening if joined by a Y fitting located as close as practical to the flue. If two or more openings are provided into one flue they should be at different levels.

5.5.7 Flue Connecting Two or More Appliances

In order to promote better draft where more than one gas appliance flue or vent connector is connected to a flue or vent, the connections should be made at different levels. Two or more gas appliances may be joined by Y fittings as close as practical to the flue or vent, and provided the size of the common flue or vent is sufficient to accommodate the total volume of flue gases. Y fittings shall be made so that the angle at which the flue or vent connectors intersect is as small as possible and should not exceed 45 degrees.

5.5.8 Unlined Chimneys

Where an existing chimney is unlined or where local experience indicates that flue gas condensate might be a problem, consult the local gas company for information about liners that are suitable for the locality.

5.6 OUTSIDE FLUE OR VENTS

5.6.1 Material

Outside flues or vents are not recommended and they are particularly unsuccessful in severe climates and in small sizes, but when they must be used, the material shall be resistant to the action of combustion products and shall possess high insulation qualities or be adequately insulated to minimize condensation and aid draft.

5.6.2 Support Flue or Vent Pipe

When flue or vent must be installed on the outside of the building, it shall be securely supported. A capped "tee" should be installed at base of the riser with an opening to drain off condensate. A suitable vent cape which does not obstruct or reduce the effective cross sectional area of the flue or vent outlet should be placed on top of the riser.

5.6.3 Prohibited Installation

Natural draft vent extending through an outside wall and terminating adjacent to the outside wall are prohibited. See provisions of 5.5.3 and 5.5.2.

5.7 SPECIAL VENTING ARRANGEMENTS

5.7.1 Appliances with Sealed Combustion Chambers

The provisions of 5.2 to 5.6, inclusive, do not apply to listed appliances having sealed combustion chambers and which are so constructed and installed that all air for combustion is derived from outside the space being heated and all flue gases are discharged to the outside atmosphere. Such appliances shall be installed in accordance with their listings.

5.7.2 Flue Exhausters

Flue exhausters may be used with gas appliances in lieu of natural draft vents except on incinerators. Where a flue exhauster is used with gas appliances requiring venting, provisions shall be made to prevent the flow of gas to the main burners in the event of failure of the exhaust system.

Section 9

Utility Main Shut-Off

An outside stopcock or gas shut-off valve shall be provided to the main connection from the public utility gas system, located in an approved flush covered box in the sidewalk at or near the curb line. Such valve box shall be identified with the word "Gas" cast or otherwise inscribed on the cover. Where there is more than one lead into the building, each gas supply line shall be so equipped.

Section 10

Main Building Shut-Off

Each gas service connection which is brought into a structure shall be fitted with a straightway stopcock valve, placed in an accessible position immediately inside the wall through which the connection enters, or at the meter.

Section 11

Meters

Meters shall be adequately supported and connected to the piping so as not to exert undue strain on the connection. They shall be located as near as practical to the point of entrance of the service and preferably in the cellar or basement of the building or structure. The location shall be accessible, clean, dry, properly ventilated and free from streams or chemical fumes, and the meter shall be protected from extreme cold and heat. There shall be at least four (4) feet above the floor with an unobstructed passage leading thereto.

No gas meter shall be placed underneath any stairway, bulkhead, show window stoop, sink or lavatory, over a water closet, coal or wood-bin, room where picture machines are operated, in the space between floors under a show window or bulkhead, within twenty (20) inches of an electric cutout box, service switch, distribution panel, or any current for light or power, or within eight (8) feet of any boiler, furnace hot air pipe or smoke pipe. No meter shall be set in any kitchen, kitchenette, or any room containing a gas range unless the floor area is at least 36 sq. ft. and the room is properly ventilated.

Section 12

Piping and Fittings

Gas piping shall be of adequate size to maintain proper pressure at fixture, and shall be of wrought iron or steel with malleable iron fittings, or copper water tube. No cast iron fittings or aluminum tubing shall be used for the main gas conduit. The piping shall be run straight without sags or traps, shall be pitched as to drain back to the riser, and from the riser to the meter or inlet and shall be rigidly supported at intervals of not more than six (6) feet by incombustible straps, hooks, bands, or hangers. The use of lead pipe, rubber hose, or other flexible pipe, tubing or fitting shall be prohibited: except that approved flexible metallic tubing connectors shall be permitted for gas appliances which burn not more than ninety (90) cubic feet of gas per hour. Fittings shall have a working pressure of at least one hundred and twenty (120) pounds per sq. inch.

Section 13

Liquified Petroleum Gas Piping

Piping for liquified petroleum gas shall be designed and installed of approved material suitable for the use on the system. Control valve shall be provided in every installation as herein specified. A Main shut-off valve outside of the building in the supply side of the main connection, and relief valve with terminal discharge directly to the outer air at a point not less than five (5) feet distant from any window or other opening in the building or other adjoining structures. The foregoing shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Board of Fire Prevention Regulations of the Department of Public Safety.

Section 14**Air For Combustion**

Appliances shall be installed in a location in which the facilities for ventilation permit satisfactory combustion of gas and proper venting, under normal conditions of use. Where appliances are installed in a confined space within a building of unusually tight construction, air for combustion and ventilation must be obtained from outdoors or from spaces freely communicating with the outdoors, ventilated crawl space or attic. Under these conditions, the opening called for in figure 2 of American Gas Association pamphlet approved in 1954, shall be replaced by two openings having a combined area of not less than one square inch per 1000/BTU per hour of input rating.

Section 15**Penalty**

Whoever violates any section of this By-Law shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$20.00.

CHARLES A. HALL, Chairman
RAYMOND GRAYSON, Legal Advisor
COURTNEY N. CHASE
GEORGE MAXWELL
WINSLOW SAWYER

Report of the Annual Town Meeting

HELD IN EXCHANGE HALL, HARWICH CENTER

FEBRUARY 13 - 14 - 15, 1956

Article 1. To choose on one ballot the following Town Officers and Committees: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes for one year; one Selectman, Overseer of Public Welfare and Board of Health for three years; one Assessor for three years; one Recreation Committee for five years; three Constables for one year; one Trustee of Brooks Library for three years; one Cemetery Commissioner for three years; one Tree Warden for one year; one Moderator for one year; one School Committee for three years; one School Committee for two years; one School Committee for one year; one Park Commissioner for three years; one Water Commissioner for three years and one Planning Board Member for five years.

Article 2. To choose all other Town Officers and Committees.

Complete list is printed on first page of this Town Report.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956 and to issue a note or notes therefore payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17 Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Accepted and adopted.

Article 4. To hear the report of all Town Officers and Committees for the year of 1955.

Accepted and adopted as printed in the Town Report for 1955.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to defray Town charges for the calendar year 1956 and to act fully thereon.

BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1956 AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
February 14, 1956

General Government:

Selectmen:	
Chairman's Salary	\$1,700.00
Board Member's Salaries	3,200.00
Secretary's Salary	2,800.00
Expenses	500.00
Clerk's Salary	2,100.00
Town Accountant's Salary	3,000.00
Accountant's Expense	300.00
Town Treasurer's Salary	2,200.00
Town Treasurer's Expense	1,000.00
Town Treasurer's Bond	232.00
Certification of Notes	10.00
Town Clerk's Salary	1,000.00
Town Clerk's Expense	100.00
Town Clerk's Bond	5.00
Tax Collector's Salary	3,200.00
Tax Collector's Expense	960.00
Deputy Collector's Fees	100.00
Collector's Bond	354.75
Tax Title Expenses	100.00
Assessor's Salaries	4,200.00
Assessor's Expense	1,500.00
Survey & Maps of the Town	7,000.00
Town Offices—Janitor's Salary	2,900.00
Other Expenses—Town Offices	5,200.00
Town Counsel's Fees	1,500.00
Settlement of Claims & Suits	300.00
Land Transactions & Expenses	650.00
Moderator's Salary	100.00
Planning Board Expenses	200.00
Board of Appeals Expenses	300.00
Finance Committee Expenses	250.00
Election, Wages and Expenses	3,500.00
Total General Government	<hr/> \$50,461.75

Protection of Persons & Property:

Police Chief's Salary	\$4,300.00
Deputy Chief's Salary	3,900.00
Sergeant's Salary	3,700.00
Special Officer's Salaries	4,000.00
Patrolmen's Salaries	17,400.00
Equipment Expenses (Cruisers)	2,850.00
Other Expenses	2,202.20
Repairs to Police Dept. Buildings	500.00
Fire Chief's Salary	4,300.00
Permanent Men's Salaries	10,800.00
Call Men's Salaries	3,500.00
Equipment Expenses	4,594.05
Other Expenses	2,300.00
Repairs to Fire Dept. Buildings	436.00
Dog Officer's Salary	150.00
Tree Warden's Salary	500.00

Charities:

Board of Public Welfare Salaries	\$900.00
Agent's Salary	2,100.00
Social Worker's Salary	1,820.00
Junior Clerk & Typist's Salary	2,230.00
Expenses	600.00
Welfare Cash Grants	14,000.00
Disability Assistance Cash Grants	5,500.00
Aid To Dependent Children	11,000.00
Old Age Cash Assistance	46,500.00
Total Charities	<hr/> \$83,650.00

Veteran's Services:

Agent's Salary	\$1,800.00
Telephone & Other Expenses	1,225.00
Cash & Material Grants	11,975.00
Total Veteran's Services	<hr/> \$15,000.00

Schools:

Committee Salaries	\$750.00
High School Athletic Program	800.00
Vocational Education	1,000.00
Elementary School Lunch	500.00
General Control	7,200.00
Instruction	161,093.00
Operation	28,690.00
Maintenance	6,700.00
Auxiliary Agencies	19,425.00
Outlay	4,000.00
Total Schools	<hr/> \$230,158.00

Libraries:

Brooks Free Library plus Dog Tax	\$3,500.00
Harwich Port Library	900.00
Chase Library	900.00
Total Libraries	<hr/> \$5,300.00

Park Department:

Labor, Expenses & Outlays	\$8,440.00
Total Park Department	<hr/> \$8,440.00

Recreation:

Building & Playground	\$3,925.00
Liability Insurance	75.00
Administration	50.00
Installation of Water	300.00
Junior & Senior Activities	1,675.00
Park Maintenance	100.00
Park Development	500.00
Repairs to Recreation Building	600.00
Total Recreation	<hr/> \$7,225.00
Moth Department Expenses	\$2,700.00
Forestry Dept. Expenses	800.00
Dutch Elm Control	700.00

Building Inspector's Salary	2,500.00
Building Inspector's Expenses	400.00
Wire Inspector's Salary	900.00
Wire Inspector's Expenses	300.00
Civil Defense Equip. & Maint.	1,650.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	700.00
Total Protection of Persons & Property	<hr/> \$76,082.25
Health & Sanitation:	
Town Nurse Salary	\$2,800.00
Town Nurse Substitute Salary	500.00
Town Nurse Expenses	450.00
School Dental Clinic	1,500.00
Sanitation & Layout Inspector	300.00
Free Bed Cape Cod Hospital	1,000.00
Care of Town Beaches	3,000.00
Life Guard	600.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	50.00
Plumbing Inspector Fees & Expenses	1,500.00
Town Dump	4,500.00
Board of Health	3,200.00
Total Health & Sanitation	<hr/> \$19,450.00
Highways:	
Surveyor's Salary	\$4,300.00
Insurance	900.00
Repairs to Highway Building	300.00
General Repairs including help	45,000.00
Snow Removal	8,000.00
Fences & Railings	600.00
Bridges	600.00
Sidewalks	2,000.00
Total Highways	<hr/> \$61,700.00
Street Lights:	
	<hr/> \$12,900.00
Total Street Lights	<hr/> \$12,900.00
Unclassified:	
Town & Finance Committee Reports	\$1,450.00
Memorial Day & Veteran's Day	500.00
Beach Erosion	3,000.00
Shellfish Constable's Salary	1,800.00
Shellfish Constable's Expenses	300.00
Planting Shellfish	600.00
Propagation of Fish & Game	100.00
Herring Supervision	300.00
Advertising	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
Repairs of Docks & Floats	1,050.00
Reserve Fund	8,000.00
Office Equipment	1,000.00
Repairs to Public Buildings	2,000.00
Out of State Travel	300.00
Total Unclassified	<hr/> \$22,100.00

Insurance:	\$10,000.00
Total Insurance	\$10,000.00
Cemeteries:	
Labor	\$1,000.00
Total Cemeteries	\$1,000.00
Water Department:	
Commissioner's Salaries	\$900.00
Superintendent & Collector's Salary	5,200.00
Clerk's Salary	2,800.00
Maintenance & Operations—Adm.	3,700.00
Foreman's Salary	4,400.00
Expenses—General	15,675.00
Pumping Station Expenses	8,475.00
Service Installations	20,000.00
Total Water Department	\$61,150.00
Debt and Interest:	
Ret. of Old Water Bonds	\$7,000.00
Int. on Old Water Bonds	70.00
Ret. of Water Bonds	11,000.00
Int. on Water Bonds	1,623.50
Ret. of New Water Bonds	40,000.00
Int. on New Water Bonds	13,185.00
Ret. of Elementary School Bonds	18,000.00
Int. on Elementary School Bonds	4,300.00
Ret. of New Elementary School Bonds	25,000.00
Int. on New Elementary School Bonds	10,260.00
Int. on Tax Anticipation Loans	200.00
Total Debt and Interest	\$130,638.50
Grand Total Budget	\$795,255.50

Appropriations Under Articles

Article 6	Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance	\$3,000.00
Article 7	Chapter 90 Highway Construction	24,000.00
Article 10	Band Concerts	600.00
Article 11	Celebration of July 4th, 1956	1,000.00
Article 12	Painting & Repairs to Brooks Block	1,600.00
Article 14	Cape Cod Regional Planning Comm. Costs	900.00
Article 15	Purchase of New Police Cruiser	1,500.00
Article 16	Purchase of New Police Cruiser	1,300.00
Article 17	Purchase of Fire Hose	900.00
Article 18	Re-surface driveway & parking area Fire Station	2,000.00
Article 19	Purchase auxiliary generator Fire Station	1,600.00
Article 20	New Driveway So. St. to Sisson Rd. (School)	6,565.00
Article 21	Emergency Power Unit Elementary School	1,600.00
Article 22	Planting Shade Trees	500.00
Article 23	Building Tool Shed Town Dump	250.00
Article 24	Improvement of Parking Facilities Red River Beach	2,500.00
Article 26	Purchase of New Spraying Machine Moth Dept.	2,450.00
Article 28	Taking land of low value Dump Area	10.00
Article 33	Repairing Jetty, dredging Westerly side Herring Riv.	9,000.00
Article 34	Taking of land of Zizkind & McDermott between Pleasant Lake Ave. & Oak St.	500.00

Article 38	New Tennis Court Brooks Park (additional)	1,600.00
Article 39	Install Public Toilets and erect tool house Brooks Park	1,000.00
Article 40	Erect Comfort Station Harwichport School Parking Lot	6,000.00
Article 48	Widening and re-surfacing Elwood Rd.	500.00
Article 49	Widening and re-surfacing Sunset Rd.	400.00
Article 51	Widening and re-surfacing Clifford Rd.	350.00
Article 52	Widening and re-surfacing South St.	5,000.00
Article 53	Widening and re-surfacing Queen Anne Rd.	2,000.00
Article 54	Widening and re-surfacing Pleasant Park Rd.	1,000.00
Article 56	Widening and re-surfacing Main St. (Old Chat. Rd.)	10,000.00
Article 57	Building side walk Pleasant St., Harwich Port	1,000.00
Article 58	Taking of land Rte. 39 access to well	200.00
Article 62	Extension of Water Main Oak St.	1,915.00
Article 65	Extension of Water Main, Brooks Rd. to Dunes Rd.	3,975.00
Article 67	Painting Standpipe, Brooks Park	4,220.00
Article 68	Painting & Repairing Water Tank Kildee Hill	11,620.00
Article 69	Purchase of New Tractor for Water Dept.	4,000.00
Article 70	Extension of Water Mains (6% income)	4,000.00
Article 75	Expenses of Committee to investigate buildings	400.00
Article 80	Unpaid bills of previous years	1,907.17
Total raised and appropriated under Articles		\$122,862.17

Appropriations from Available Funds in Treasury

Article 81	For Reducing 1956 Tax Rate	\$75,000.00
Article 13	Dog Tax Refund to Brooks Free Library	\$679.38

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90, Highway Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used with whatever State and County funds are available under Chapter 90, Road Construction and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000.00.

Article 8. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the Herring Fisheries for the year of 1956 and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to reimburse the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for money advanced for certain Chapter 90 work at the Allen Harbor Bridge and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient amount of money for the purpose of holding Band Concerts in the summer of 1956 and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient amount of money to be used under the direction of the Board of Selectmen to properly celebrate and observe July 4, 1956 and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600) to be used for painting and repairs of Brooks Block and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to expend the refunded dog tax for the support of Brooks Free Library and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed nine hundred dollars (\$900) to meet the cost of the proportionate share of the costs and expenses of the Cape Cod Regional Planning District Commission, or take any action relative thereto.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) to purchase a new Police Cruiser and equipment and to authorize the Selectmen to trade the 1955 Hudson cruiser now owned by the Town, the sum received from said trade to be used toward the purchase of the new car and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen hundred dollars (\$1,300) to purchase a new Police cruiser and equipment and to authorize the Selectmen to trade the 1954 Chevrolet cruiser now owned by the Town, the sum received from said trade to be used toward the purchase of the new car and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300.00.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred dollars (\$900) for the purchase of 500 feet of 1½-inch double jacket fire hose and 250 feet of ¾-inch booster hose and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900.00.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for resurfacing and extending the present driveway and parking area adjacent to the Fire Station and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600) to purchase a suitable auxiliary generator to operate all electrical equipment at Fire Headquarters in case of power failure and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five hundred and sixty-five dollars (\$6,565) to be used to construct a new drive connecting South Street and the paved area north of the elementary school and elementary school parking areas and the drive from South Street to Sisson Road and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,565.00.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen hundred dollars (\$1,600) to purchase and install an emergency power unit at the elementary school and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to be used in planting shade trees along Town accepted ways under Chapter 87 and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient amount of money to build a tool shed and shelter for the use of the custodian of the Town Dump and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for the purpose of parking improvements at the Red River Beach in South Harwich and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the purpose of reimbursing Bernard Kendrick for land taken by the Town of Harwich for beach purposes at Red River Beach in South Harwich and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase for the Tree Warden and Moth Department one new four hundred (400) gallon spraying machine and to authorize the Selectmen to sell or trade the two old spraying machines and to apply the money towards the purchase of the new machine and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,450.00.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient amount of money to purchase or take by eminent domain the following described parcel of land in Harwich Center: northerly by Alfred H. Paine et ux, westerly by the Town of Harwich, southerly by a County Way (Route #39), and easterly by Gersham D. Hall according to a plan drawn by Benjamin P. Chase, dated January 27, 1956, and filed with the Selectmen, and being a part of the land owned by Gersham D. Hall under Book 711, page 423, and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain for the purpose of a town dump and disposal area the following parcel of land situated in the Town of Harwich and bounded and described as follows: southerly by owners unknown 656 feet; westerly by owners unknown 1,158 feet; northerly by Coy Brook, easterly by Lothrop Avenue, a Town Way 1,520 feet; according to a plan drawn by Benjamin P. Chase, dated January 27, 1956 and filed with the Board of Selectmen and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted by a standing vote 132 yes, 4 no.
Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10.00.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to negotiate for the purchase of the low lands, lands of low value, and, where it is necessary for access purposes, the immediate uplands in the vicinity of the Allen Harbor Creek north of Lower County Road for the purposes of protecting the Public Health and planning for the future provision of recreation facilities, and to report their findings to the Annual Town Meeting of 1957, and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to negotiate for the purchase of the low lands, lands of low value, and, where it is necessary for access purposes, the immediate uplands in the vicinity of the Andrews River, south of Rte #28 for the purposes of protecting the Public Health and planning for the future provision of recreational facilities, and to report their findings to the Annual Town Meeting of 1957, and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to negotiate for the purchase of the low lands, lands of low value, and, where it is necessary for access purposes, the immediate uplands in the vicinity of Red River Beach in South Harwich for the purposes of protecting the Public Health and planning for the future provision of recreation facilities, and to report their findings to the Annual Town Meeting of 1957 and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain certain swampland, low land and land of low value, and where it is necessary for access purposes, the immediate upland and in the vicinity of Allen Harbor Creek, and north of Lower County

Road, for the purpose of protecting the public health and for recreational purposes, said lands being more particularly bounded and described as follows: beginning at a point in the northerly side line of Lower County Road, which point is 350 feet more or less easterly from the easterly sideline of Nehoiden Road so-called, thence running northwesterly 725 feet more or less by lands of Whitehouse Properties Inc. and owners unknown to a point; thence running northeasterly 350 feet more or less by land of owner unknown and land of one Trainer to a point; thence running southeasterly 900 feet more or less by lands of said Trainer, Louis Handler et ux and Frederick Crowell to a point; thence running southerly 500 feet more or less by land of said Crowell and land of A. B. Stewart et ux, to a point; thence running westerly by land of said Stewart et ux 250 feet more or less to a point; thence running northwesterly by lands of said Stewart et ux 275 feet more or less to a point; thence running southwesterly 550 feet more or less by land of said Stewart et ux, to Lower County Road; thence running westerly by Lower County Road 200 feet more or less to the point of beginning and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) for the purpose of repairing, dredging, and/or extending the jetty on the westerly side of Herring River, being 25% of the cost, provided the County contributes 25% and the State 50% under Chapter 90 or any amendments thereto and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000.00.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain for road purposes the following described parcel of land in Harwich Center: that portion of the railroad layout formerly owned by the Chatham Railroad Company and not now in use which lies between Pleasant Lake Avenue (Rte #24) and Oak Street, being a part of the land owned by Edward Ziskind et al (Thomas McDermott), deed recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Book 569—page 149, and to raise and appropriate a sufficient amount of money for this purpose and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted by a unanimous vote yes 98, no 0, as amended. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to purchase or take by eminent domain the triangular piece of property at the junction of Chase Street and Rte #28 for the purpose of a Memorial Square and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to purchase or take by eminent domain the triangular piece of property at the junction of Chase Street and Lower County Road for the purpose of a Memorial Square and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to clear the north end of the schoolhouse parking lot and resurface it with oil and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to build an additional Tennis Court at Brooks Park and enclose it with a fence and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to be used with the amount of money appropriated under Article 21 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1955 in order to erect a Tool house at Brooks Park and install public toilets and electricity in said tool house and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient amount of money, not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to erect a comfort station with plumbing equipment and cesspools on the Old Schoolhouse Parking Lot in Harwich Port; construction and operation to be under the jurisdiction of the Park Commissioners; booths to be coin-operated; all receipts to be returned to the general treasury, and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out Highland Avenue in South Harwich leading from the State Highway southerly and easterly to Uncle Venies Road and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted by a standing vote 42 yes, 19 no.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to layout Whip-o-Will Lane in Harwich Center leading from a County Way (Rte #24) westerly to a dead end and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to lay out Lincoln Village Road in Harwich Port and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted.

Article 44. To see if the Town will accept the layout of Elwood Road in West Harwich leading from Division Street easterly to a dead end as reported and recommended by the Selectmen under date of January 27, 1956, and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to take by purchase or eminent domain the lands or interests in the lands within said layout and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted by a standing vote yes 82, no 0.

Article 45. To see if the Town will accept the layout of Sunset Road in West Harwich leading from Victory Drive easterly to Brooks Road as reported and recommended by the Selectmen under date of January 27, 1956, and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to take by purchase or eminent domain the lands or interests in the lands within said layout and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted by a standing vote yes 82, no 1.

Article 46. To see if the Town will accept the layout of Grassy Pond Road in Harwich Port leading from Miles Street northerly, westerly, southerly and easterly to Grassy Pond Road as reported and recommended by the Selectmen under date of January 27, 1956, and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to take by purchase or eminent domain the lands or interests in the lands within said layout and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 47. To see if the Town will accept the layout of Clifford Road in West Harwich leading from Pleasant Road easterly to a dead end as reported and recommended by the Selectmen under date of January 27, 1956, and to authorize and instruct the Selectmen to take by purchase or eminent domain the lands or interests in the lands within said layout and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted by a standing vote yes 37, no 16.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the purpose of widening and resurfacing Elwood Road from Division Street to a dead end and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400) for the purpose of widening and resurfacing Sunset Road leading from Brooks Road westerly to Victory Drive and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the purpose of widening and resurfacing Grassy Pond Road leading from Miles Street back to Miles Street and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) for the purpose of widening and resurfacing Clifford Road from Pleasant Road to a dead end and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of widening and resurfacing South Street leading from Sisson Road to Forest Street and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted by a standing vote yes 58, no 34. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the purpose of widening and resurfacing Queen Anne Road from Rte #24 to William Walker's property and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted by a standing vote yes 56, no 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the purpose of widening and resurfacing Pleasant Park Road from Park Street to a dead end and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00.

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient amount of money to widen and improve Pleasant Street in Harwich Port from Miles Street to Bank Street and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of widening and resurfacing Main Street (Old Chatham Road) leading from the residence of Frank Gomes to the so-called North Harwich Men's Club and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient amount of money to build a sidewalk along Pleasant Street in Harwich Port from Miles Street to Bank Street and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain for the use of the Water Department for access from Rte #39 to its well field the following parcel of land situated in the Town of Harwich and bounded and described as follows: Southerly by the Town of Harwich, 100 feet; westerly by Snow Inn Associates, 869 feet; northerly by the County Road, 134 feet; and easterly by owners unknown, 963 feet; according to a plan drawn by Benjamin P. Chase, dated January 27, 1956 and filed with the Board of Selectmen and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted by a standing vote yes 35, no 0. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00.

Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain for the use of the Water Department for water supply the following parcel of land in East Harwich and bounded and described as follows: Southerly by owners unknown 1,182 feet; westerly by owners unknown, land now or formerly of John R. Forsythe, and lands supposedly of Sparrow Howes and Arthur Kenney 1,279 feet; northerly by Pleasant Bay Road, a town way, 1,466 feet; easterly by owners unknown 1,382 feet; according to a plan drawn by Benjamin P. Chase dated January 27, 1956 and filed with the Board of Selectmen and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this purpose and to act fully thereon.

This article lost lacking a 2/3 majority vote. Standing vote yes 67, no 47.

Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient amount of money to install and maintain water mains on Elwood Road in West Harwich and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient amount of money to extend the water mains along Great Western Road in Harwich Center to the intersection of Lothrop Avenue, and, if necessary to replace the existing water mains on Great Western Road with larger water mains and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to extend the existing water mains northerly along Oak Street from their present location to the residence of William H. Nichols and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,915.00.

Article 63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to install and maintain water mains from the existing main in North Harwich at the intersection of Old Chatham Road and Queen Anne Road running easterly on Queen Anne Road to the residence of Snow Rose and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 64. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to extend the water main to and on Joe Lincoln Road in West Harwich and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 65. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to extend its water main from its present location on Brooks Road a distance of approximately 600 feet and from that point up Dunes Road a distance of approximately 375 feet and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted if a guarantee of 6% return by a standing vote yes 54, no 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,975.00.

Article 66. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient amount of money to extend the water mains from Depot Road in West Harwich along Pine Grove Road to Hamilton Place, a private way and southerly along said Hamilton Place a distance of approximately 450 feet and to act fully thereon.

Indefinitely postponed.

Article 67. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of painting the Standpipe at Brooks Park in Harwich and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,220.00.

Article 68. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of painting and repairing the Elevated Water Tank at Kildee Hill in Harwich Port and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,620.00.

Article 69. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a new Tractor, with digger and loader for the Water Department and to authorize the Board of Water Commissioner to trade the old tractor, digger and loader and the sum from same to be used toward the purchase of a new tractor and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00.

Article 70. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be used by the Board of Water Commissioners for extending water mains where requested, provided the estimated income is at least 6% of the cost of installation and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00.

Article 71. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the Water Department's Construction Account the balance of \$2,344.69 being the unexpended balance appropriated under Article 50 of the Warrant of the 1954 Annual Town Meeting, this sum to be used to construct and install water mains in public streets or ways as the Board of Water Commissioners shall determine and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted.

Article 72. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a Committee of five persons, to include the Fire Chief, the Building Inspector, the Plumbing Inspector and two others to investigate the feasibility of adopting a Gas Code in the form of a by-law and to report at the next special or annual Town Meeting with the necessary Code and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted.

Article 73. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of five persons to study advantages and disadvantages of establishing in the Town of Harwich a Board of Public Works as provided for in Chapter 101 of the Acts of 1953 and to make a report of its findings and recommendations together with appropriate legislation to the Annual Town Meeting of 1957 and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted.

Article 74. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a committee of five (5) persons to study the advantages and disadvantages of a municipal airport, and the advisability of acquiring land for that purpose, said Committee to report to the Annual Town Meeting of 1957 and recommend appropriate action to that meeting and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted.

Article 75. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a committee of nine persons, at least one of which is to be a member of the School Committee, to study the condition and utility of the several town buildings, to determine the advisability of repairing, altering, selling, destroying, or maintaining in its present condition each of these buildings, to determine the building space needs of each of the town departments and in the case of each department whether or not a need exists for new buildings or additions to present buildings, and on the basis of the above investigation to propose a course of action for the Town in regard to town buildings and the expenditure of funds thereon, and to report both the findings of the investigation and the proposed course of action to the Annual Town Meeting of 1957, and to bring in to that meeting any legislation necessary to the accomplishment of the above proposed course of action, and to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400) for the expenses of said Committee, and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00.

Article 76. To see if the Town will vote to elect a Tree Warden for the term of three years to take effect by appearing on the Annual Town Meeting Ballot at the Annual Town Meeting in 1957 and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted by a unanimous standing vote, yes 74, no 0.

Article 77. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Harwich by inserting after Article IX of said By-Laws the following:

**ARTICLE X
Town Roads**

Section 1. No road of less than forty (40) foot width shall be accepted by the Town as a Town Way unless a road of lesser width is recommended by an unanimous vote of the Planning Board in writing to the Board of Selectmen, and to act fully thereon.

Amendment to change the word "unanimous" to "Majority" in Section 1. was carried by a unanimous vote. Article as amended accepted and adopted by a unanimous vote.

Article 78. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Harwich by inserting after Section 1 of Article X of said By-Laws the following:

Section 2. No road shall be accepted by the Town as a Town Way until it has been cleared to a width of at least

twenty (20) feet, leveled, and hardened with a suitable material to a depth of six (6) inches, all to the satisfaction of both the Highway Surveyor and the Board of Selectmen,
and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted by a unanimous vote.

Article 79. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Harwich in the following manner:

Under Article I, **TOWN MEETING**

In Section 1., in the second and third lines; delete the words, "second Monday in February" and insert the words, "first Monday in March".

In Section 3., in the fourth line; delete the words, "January 1st", and insert the words, "January tenth".
and to act fully thereon.

Amendment under Sect. 1. Under Article 1, Town Meeting, changing date of Meeting to first Monday in March, accepted and adopted by a unanimous vote.

Amendment in Sect. 3. Under Article 1, Town Meeting indefinitely postponed.

Article 80. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for unpaid bills of previous years as provided for in Chapter 179 of the Acts of 1941 and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,907.17.

Article 81. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or available funds a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the 1956 tax rate and to act fully thereon.

Accepted and adopted. Voted to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$75,000.00.

Article 82. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following unexpended balance of special appropriations to surplus revenue and to act fully thereon.

Fourth of July	\$118.13
Brooks Park Water Ext.	24.27
Highway Dept. Truck	115.00
Highway Dept. Pick-up Truck	613.50
Police Cruiser	306.00
Village Signs	12.45
Fire Dept., Ranch Wagon	24.00
Water Dept., Ranch Wagon	5.00

\$1,218.35

Accepted and adopted.

Report of the Special Town Meeting

Nov. 2, 1956

Article 1. To see if the town will vote under sums appropriated for schools to transfer the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from Instructions to Maintenance and to act fully thereon.

Action:

(\$1,000.00) One thousand dollars was voted to be transferred from sums appropriated for schools from instruction to maintenance. Unanimous vote.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote under sums appropriated for schools, to transfer the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.) from Outlay to Operation, and to act fully thereon.

Action:

(\$500.) Five hundred dollars was voted to be transferred from sums appropriated for schools from Outlay to Operation. Unanimous vote.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, the sum of three thousand, (\$3,000) to Veterans Services, Cash and Material Grants and to act fully thereon.

Action:

(\$3,000) Three thousand dollars was voted to be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to Veterans services, cash and Material Grants. Unanimous vote.

Article 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800), to the Fire Department Call Men Salaries, and to act fully thereon.

Action:

(\$800.) Eight hundred dollars was voted to be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to the Fire Department Call Men's Salaries. Unanimous vote.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, the sum of (\$750), to the town nurse substitute salary, and to act fully thereon.

Action:

(\$750) Seven hundred fifty dollars was voted to be transferred from unappropriated available funds to the Town Nurse substitute salary. Unanimous vote.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.) to Elections, Wages, and Expense, and act fully thereon.

Action:

(\$500.) Five hundred dollars was voted to be transferred from unappropriated available funds to Elections, Wages and Expenses. Unanimous vote.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.), to the Park Department, Labor, Expense and Outlay, and to act fully thereon.

Action:

(\$300.) Three hundred dollars was voted to be transferred from unappropriated available funds to Park Dept., Labor, Expenses, and Outlay. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY K. BEARSE

Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF HARWICH—1956

No Births Occurred in Harwich

No.	Date	Name	Town of Birth	Parents
January:				
1.	4	Steven James Kreider	Barnstable, Mass.	Melvin Lee Kreider Constance Louise Holt
February:				
2.	1	Gordon Arthur Peavey	Barnstable, Mass.	Arthur William Peavey Elaine Marie Clark
3.	16	Jeanne Marie Marion	Barnstable, Mass.	William Robert Marion Marguerite Eleanor Robinson
4.	17	Dana Gordon Galvin	Barnstable, Mass.	Joseph George Galvin Mabel Mary Roderick
5.	20 Schiorring	Barnstable, Mass.	Harold Stuart Schiorring Lois Haynes McCleary
6.	29	Gerald John Smith	Barnstable, Mass.	Charles Philip Smith Barbara Ann Holteen
March:				
7.	12	Christine Gail Nunes	Barnstable, Mass.	Bertram Manuel Nunes Mary Agnes Dickerson
8.	22	Roy Holman Eldredge, Jr.	Barnstable, Mass.	Roy Holman Eldredge Claire M. Charbonneau
9.	29	Thomas Swift Welsh	Barnstable, Mass.	Richard W. Welsh Arlene D. Swift
10.	30	Francis Eugene Caverno	Barnstable, Mass.	Charles Berry Caverno, Jr. Dorothy Edna Mattioli
11.	8	Jonathan Paul Eagle	Barnstable, Mass.	Emanuel Eagle Elizabeth Ann Cashman

Births Registered—Continued

No.	Date	Name	Town of Birth	Parents
April:				
12.	18	Willard Gregory Smith	Barnstable, Mass.	Willard Gordon Smith, Jr. Margery Melbye
May:				
13.	25	Margaret Glynn Derwin	Barnstable, Mass.	William Edward Derwin Rose Agnes Glynn
14.	30	Ann Davis Coulson	Barnstable, Mass.	Kenneth Frank Coulson Ruth Ann Johnson
June:				
15.	2	June Paula Roderick	Barnstable, Mass.	Moses Pena Roderick Anna Dias Monteiro
16.	7	Robert Myles Appleton	Barnstable, Mass.	Richard Felton Appleton Ruth Theresa Aylmer
17.	17	Karen Marlene Holmes	Barnstable, Mass.	Norman Earle Holmes Estelle Prudence Dame
18.	17	Kathleen Marie Holmes	Barnstable, Mass.	Norman Earle Holmes Estelle Prudence Dame
July:				
19.	7	Deborah Ann Campbell	Bourne, Mass.	Richard Campbell Marjorie Fennell
20.	21	Carol Ann Donovan	Barnstable, Mass.	Paul Gerard Donovan Leona Alfreda Peterson
21.	24	Gregory Bruce Bassett	Barnstable, Mass.	Aaron Elsworth Bassett Audrey Elizabeth Day
August:				
22.	14	Debra Ellen Nickerson	Barnstable, Mass.	Lawrence Francis Nickerson Marjorie Louise Jones
February:				
23.	16	Philip Burgess	Barnstable, Mass.	Earle Francis Burgess, Jr. Marguerite Arlene Pratt

April:

24.	16	Luann Soares	Barnstable, Mass.	Frank Antone Soares Amelia Mary Monteiro
25.	24	Ava Audrey Monteiro	Barnstable, Mass.	James George Monteiro Fannie Mae Saylor
26.	29	Romona Marie Ryder	Barnstable, Mass.	Roland Everett Ryder Ruth May Williams
27.	30	Donna Marie Rose	Barnstable, Mass.	Manuel Francis Rose Rose Domingo Santos

May:

28.	4	Timothy Lee Ritchie	Barnstable, Mass.	Russell Lloyd Ritchie Veronica Dorothy Henneberry
29.	23	Helen Elizabeth Andrade	Barnstable, Mass.	John Pena Andrade Jacqueline Harmon Rose

June:

30.	18	Melody Ruth Nickerson	Barnstable, Mass.	Cecil Conrad Nickerson Mildred Vernon Nickerson
31.	26	John Michael McGillen	Barnstable, Mass.	James Leonard McGillen Catherine Marie Crabe

July:

32.	27	Darlene Elizabeth Gonsalves	Barnstable, Mass.	Walter William Gonsalves Eugenia Gonsalves
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August:

33.	4	(Male) Crabe	Barnstable Mass.	Franklin Benjamin Crabe Rachel Loyola DeMink
34.	11	Cleta Twombly Long	Barnstable Mass.	Ralph Woodsworth Long Sandra Rogers
35.	14	Marcia Annette Barrett	Barnstable, Mass.	Charles Arnold Barrett Jacqueline Marie Gifford

Births Registered—Continued

No.	Date	Name	Town of Birth	Parents
September:				
36.	2	Stephen Prince Mazzur	Barnstable, Mass.	Norman Wheaton Mazzur Dianne Joan Sprinkle
37.	3	Jill Evelyn Munroe	Barnstable, Mass.	Charles Clifton Munroe Sally Mildred Meservey
38.	6	Dianne Louise Williams	Barnstable, Mass.	John Rogers Williams, Jr. Margaret Jo Pullen
39.	9	Kimberly Mae Eldredge	Barnstable, Mass.	Frank Merriwell Eldredge Cynthia Lois Holmes
40.	12	James Roderick Coombs	Barnstable, Mass.	John Chester Coombs Barbara J. Ellis
41.	23	Andrea Kim Winston	Barnstable, Mass.	Robert Eldredge Winston Susan Mabel Barber
42.	25	Bradford Edwin Bauer	Barnstable, Mass.	Frederick Albert Bauer Nathalie Joan Foss
43.	26	Ronald Ernest Coleman	Barnstable, Mass.	Harold Philip Coleman Clarice Kathleen Devine
44.	30	Douglas Laurence Moore	Barnstable, Mass.	James Ralston Moore Darlene Marilyn Miller
October:				
45.	1	Cathy Lou Oakes	Barnstable, Mass.	Frederick John Oakes Jacqueline Beryl Smith
46.	3	Joan Lee Fernandes	Barnstable, Mass.	Manuel J. Fernandes Lillian Leite
47.	17	Richard MacRoberts, Jr.	Barnstable, Mass.	Richard McRoberts Josephine Harriett Jones
48.	26	(Male) Gavin	Barnstable, Mass.	Kenneth Louis Arthur Gavin Barbara Ann McGregor
49.	30	Michael Thomas Baksa	Barnstable, Mass.	Lester Alex Baksa Grace Evelyn Lashley
50.	29	David Brian Murphy	Barnstable, Mass.	Edward Joseph Murphy Agnes Marie Billings

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| 51. | 29 | Catherine Mary Hall | Barnstable,
Mass. | Charles Gershom Hall
Elaine Mary Guerin |
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- November:**
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| 52. | 4 | Alicia Mary Livramento | Barnstable,
Mass. | Wilfred John Livramento |
| 53. | 9 | Kathy Lynn Nikula | Barnstable,
Mass. | Lena Domingo Santos
Vaner James Nikula |
| 54. | 12 | Richard Leo Smith | Barnstable,
Mass. | Maxine Beatrice Orton
Thomas Leo Smith |
| 55. | 16 | (Female) Miranda | Barnstable,
Mass. | Viola Grace Naylor
Julius Roderick Miranda |
| 56. | 16 | Andrew Hall Williams | Barnstable,
Mass. | Isabelle Galvin
Russell Earle Williams |
| 57. | 17 | Robert Charles Chamberlain | Barnstable,
Mass. | Harriet Maria Hall
Charles Elton Chamberlain, Jr. |
| 58. | 18 | John Milton Eastman, Jr. | Barnstable,
Mass. | Jean Kezer
John Milton Eastman |
| 59. | 19 | Steven Charles Ryder | Barnstable,
Mass. | Arlene Gwendolyn Nunes
Earl Payson Ryder |
| 60. | 20 | Terrence Franklin Josselyn | Barnstable,
Mass. | Marilyn Joan Hanson
Richard Carleton Josselyn |
| 61. | 26 | Mary Therese Taylor | Barnstable,
Mass. | Gail Constance Harding
John Joseph Taylor
Mary Patricia Doane |
- December:**
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| 62. | 5 | Peter Lord Monaghan | Barnstable,
Mass. | Glen Philip Monaghan
Elizabeth Grandin |
| 63. | 7 | Patricia Ann Doucette | Barnstable,
Mass. | James Alfred Doucette
Sylvia Ernestine Higgins |
| 64. | 7 | Kenneth Weston Grindell, Jr. | Barnstable,
Mass. | Kenneth Weston Grindell
Virginia Pearson |
| 65. | 9 | Patrick John Stinson | Barnstable,
Mass. | Joseph Martin Stinson
Rose Louise Sullivan |
| 66. | 27 | Warren Augustus Nichols | Barnstable,
Mass. | Francis Irvin Nichols
Frances V. Warren |

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN TOWN OF HARWICH—1956

No.	Date	Names	Residence	Place of Marriage
January:				
1.	29	Theodore W. Chomick Elizabeth Joan White	Storrs, Conn. Storrs, Conn.	Harwich Center, Mass.
February:				
2.	11	Cliff Fell Gray, Jr. Martha Lenick Flash	Dearborn, Mich. Detroit, Mich.	Harwich Port, Mass.
3.	14	Walter I. Cook Dorothy M. McDonald (Durant)	Harwich, Mass. Harwich, Mass.	Harwich Port, Mass.
4.	20	J. Fred Gagnon Ruth A. Wheeler Froburg	Harwich Port, Mass. Harwich Port, Mass.	West Harwich, Mass.
March:				
5.	10	Edward Joseph Murphy Agnes M. Billings (Campbell)	West Harwich, Mass. West Harwich, Mass.	Barnstable, Mass.
April:				
6.	6	Allen Everett Swanson Carolyn J. Holmes	South Harwich, Mass. East Harwich, Mass.	East Harwich, Mass.
7.	7	Frank G. Rose, Jr. Helen E. Rose	Falmouth, Mass. Harwich, Mass.	West Harwich, Mass.
8.	7	Warren Russell Thomson Virginia Allen Haskell	Harwich Port, Mass. Cambridge, Mass.	Holden, Mass.
9.	16	Charles Arthur Rounbehler Louise Marie Bassett	Harwich, Mass. Chatham, Mass.	Chatham, Mass.
10.	21	Walter E. Osborne Joan Whitely Whitehead	East Harwich, Mass. East Harwich, Mass.	East Harwich, Mass.

May:

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| 11. | 5 | Russell V. Witherell
Lucille J. Smith | Harwich, Mass. |
| 12. | 11 | Wilfred J. Livramento
Lena D. Santos Rose | Barnstable, Mass. |
| 13. | 30 | Joseph A. Merrill
Jewell E. Merrill | Harwich Port, Mass. |

June:

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| 14. | 2 | Robert David DeGrace
Mary Gomes | West Harwich, Mass. |
| 15. | 2 | Morgan Harold Keefe
Ann Marie Reynolds | Canton, Mass. |
| 16. | 9 | Robert L. Ruggles
Edith L. Coulson | West Harwich, Mass. |
| 17. | 10 | Graham Romeyn Taylor, Jr.
Eleanor Townsend | West Harwich, Mass. |
| 18. | 16 | Gilbert C. Souza
Irene Elouise Almeida | Harwich Center, Mass. |
| 19. | 23 | Frank W. Broadbent
Margaret Susan McCreery | Harwich Port, Mass. |
| 20. | 20 | Raymond E. Boyd
Jean F. Oliver | Harwich Center, Mass. |

July:

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| 21. | 2 | William H. Haigh
Edna S. Grabe (Simpson) | Centerville, Mass. |
| 22. | 7 | Robert L. Reddish
Betsey May Nickerson | East Harwich, Mass. |
| 23. | 27 | George A. Wheldon
Rebecca Amy Ryder | Barnstable, Mass. |

Marriages—Continued

No.	Date	Names	Residence	Place of Marriage
August:				
24.	18	George Charles Edwards Margaret Mary Fournier	Dumont, N. J. Fall River, Mass.	West Harwich, Mass.
25.	25	Paul Revere Crowley Mary Josephine McEchern	Somerville, Mass. Somerville, Mass.	West Harwich, Mass.
September:				
26.	3	Alan Dugan Judith H. Shan	New York, N. Y. New York, N. Y.	Harwich Port, Mass.
27.	8	Joshua Atkins Nickerson, Jr. Margaret Louise Ames	East Harwich, Mass. Osterville, Mass.	Barnstable, Mass.
28.	14	Arthur William Baker Dorothea Claire Smith	Chatham, Mass. North Harwich, Mass.	Harwich Port, Mass.
29	16	Daniel B. Ragan Dale Ellen Owens	Chatham, Mass. Harwich, Mass.	Harwich, Mass.
30.	22	Rodney A. O'Brien Ellen C. Nickerson	Harwich Center, Mass. Harwich Port, Mass.	Harwich Port, Mass.
31.	22	Nicolas George Cavic Adele Ann Knoerr	West Dennis, Mass. Dennisport, Mass.	Harwich Port, Mass.
32.	23	Richard L. McCormick Helen W. Johnson	Harwich, Mass. Brockton, Mass.	West Bridgewater, Mass.
33.	29	Herbert Faunce Rowley Jeanette Oliver Ruckdeschel	Harwich Port, Mass. North Harwich, Mass.	Boston, Mass.
October:				
34.	6	Frederick Charles McFadden, Jr. Dominga H. Gordini	Jamaica, N. Y. Harwich Center, Mass.	West Harwich, Mass.
35.	19	Kenneth Melvin Estabrook Jeanette Soares Hallett	Hyannis, Mass. West Hyannisport, Mass.	Harwich Port, Mass.

36. 21 Charles Russell Holway
Marguerite Theresa Thomas
Harwich Port, Mass.
37. 25 Richard Marion Totten
Sheila Joy Peters
Harwich Port, Mass.
38. 28 Lawrence F. Menengas
Juell E. Moody
Provincetown, Mass.

November:

39. 2 George E. Baldwin, Jr.
Lee M. Hancock
Harwich Port, Mass.
40. 10 James P. Lopes
Geraldine R. Gomes
West Harwich, Mass.
41. 10 Charles H. Peluso, Jr.
Louise Eklof
South Harwich, Mass.

December:

42. 1. Dwaine William Dilts
Phyllis Louise Leavis
Dennis, Mass.
43. 1 John B. Roderick
Faustina Joia
Wareham, Mass.
44. 4 John Hammond
Eleanor M. Boyce
Harwich, Mass.

December:

45. 8 Ernest Lawrence Valentine
Emma May Miller
Harwich, Mass.
46. 19 Thomas L. Smith
Viola Naylor (Douglass)
East Harwich, Mass.
47. 29 Raymond L. Thacher
Beverley R. Connett (Theus)
East Harwich, Mass.
48. 29 Richard W. Wright
Diane C. Reynolds
Harwich, Mass.
49. 30 Robert Bruce Our
Joan Ann Shorey
Easton, Mass.
- Hartford, Conn.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF HARWICH—1956

No.	Date	Names	Age	Town or City of Death
January:				
1.	3	Lizzie Doane Hays (Ellis)	81	Bourne, Mass
2.	7	Isaiah Kelley, Jr.	81	Barnstable, Mass.
3.	15	Henry P. Gomes	55	Harwich, Mass.
4.	17	Gideon Rose	84	Barnstable, Mass.
5.	26	Lucy P. Crowell (Mecarta)	81	Barnstable, Mass.
6.	6	Adelia M. Baker Crabe	96	Harwich, Mass.
7.	25	Jacqueline Doane Bearse	9	Harwich Port, Mass.
8.	26	Mary E. Linicus	96	Harwich Port, Mass.
9.	14	Mary J. Taylor	72	Harwich, Mass.
10.	18	Harry D. Vincent	83	Yarmouth, Mass.
February:				
11.	12	Florence Swift	68	Barnstable, Mass.
12.	20	(Male) Schiorring	3 hrs.	Barnstable, Mass.
March:				
13.	6	Timothy C. Phillips	69	North Harwich, Mass.
14.	17	George W. Robinson	59	Harwich, Mass.
15.	29	Allen Mitchell	87	Yarmouth, Mass.
16.	21	Ann Nestor Eldredge	60	Barnstable, Mass.
April:				
17.	30	Charles Ball Ayers	82	Harwich, Mass.
March:				
18.	29	Manuel Franklin Pena	47	Harwich, Mass.
April:				
19.	5	Caroline Isabel Crosby	71	Barnstable, Mass.

May:			
20.	1 Ruth Eva Pratt	86	Barnstable, Mass.
21.	8 Myron Winfield Saley	63	Bourne, Mass.
22.	10 Ervin Francis Thayer	61	Barnstable, Mass.
23.	13 Lottie Fernandes Rose	77	Harwich, Mass.
24.	23 Edward P. Turner	40	Barnstable, Mass.
25.	29 Annie Agnes Daly Brooks	85	Harwich, Mass.
26.	13 May M. Carter (McCall)	85	Barnstable, Mass.
27.	21 Robert H. Greenwood	35	Cairo, Egypt
28.	26 Flora Augusta Willis Lynch Barnes	74	West Harwich, Mass.
June:			
29.	15 Harold Sturdy Blake	67	West Harwich, Mass.
30.	5 Melville Webb Small	84	Bourne, Mass.
31.	19 Ozias Henry Bassett	74	Bourne, Mass.
32.	20 Peter Henri Fontaine	51	Barnstable, Mass.
33.	28 Minnie Etta Dunbar (Ellis)	69	Barnstable, Mass.
July:			
34.	29 Roland Carlisle Holbrook	58	Harwich Port, Mass.
35.	15 Della Earl Eldredge	61	Dennis, Mass.
36.	2 Harriett Small (Ricketts)	80	Barnstable, Mass.
37.	8 Richard Alfred Glendon	86	Barnstable, Mass.
38.	27 Effie O. Hall (Paterson)	71	Barnstable, Mass.
August:			
39.	21 Oscar Wayne Whiteman	67	Barnstable, Mass.
40.	4 Franklin B. Crabe	1 day	Barnstable, Mass.
41.	10 Nona Edith Oliver (Roche)	68	Barnstable, Mass.
42.	16 May Ellen Becker	81	Barnstable, Mass.
September:			
43.	17 Ruby Baker	75	Harwich, Mass.
44.	17 Emily D. Whittemore Stokes	79	South Harwich, Mass.
45.	14 Lester Wadsworth Swift	69	Barnstable, Mass.
46.	28 Ralph Waldo Doane	89	Harwich Port, Mass.
47.	30 Elsie Dean Johnson (Maxfield)	70	Barnstable, Mass.
48.	25 Matilda Frances Greene (Cottell)	57	Bourne, Mass.

Deaths—Continued

No.	Date	Names	Age	Town or City of Death
October:				
49.	11	Marie Josephine Fennelly	84	Middleboro, Mass.
50.	12	George D. Maxwell	83	Cambridge, Mass.
51.	26	(Male) Gavin	21 hrs.	Barnstable, Mass.
52.	4	David William Cottell	70	Bourne, Mass.
53.	12	Augustus Rose	71	Bourne, Mass.
November:				
54.	27	Thomas Howard Langton	57	Harwich, Mass.
55.	29	Idella M. Bassett (Hurd)	85	Bourne, Mass.
56.	25	Eugene Howard Eldredge	57	Barnstable, Mass.
December:				
57.	3	Leo Omer Precourt	55	Harwich, Mass.
58.	6	Leontime Augusta Huntsmen	65	Harwich, Mass.
59.	20	Caroline R. Cobb	89	Harwich, Mass.
60.	22	Horace Kingman Hentz	64	Bourne, Mass.
61.	29	Elma Erickson Farham	81	West Harwich, Mass.
62.	17	Marjorie Faye Barlow (Burnham)	63	Barnstable, Mass.
63.	23	Rachel T. Rogers	40	Harwich Port, Mass.

BODIES BROUGHT TO HARWICH FOR INTERMENT—1956

No.	Date	Names	Age	Village of Burial
January:				
1	15	Lillian Horton Howes	55	Harwich Port, Mass.
February:				
2.	9	Isaiah Frank Chase	82	West Harwich, Mass.
March:				
3.	16	Ivan L. Grant	75	West Harwich, Mass.
4.	26	Percy Manning Bartlett	55	Harwich Center, Mass.
April:				
5.	25	Robert Matteson	41	East Harwich, Mass.
May:				
6.	18	Ann S. Grayle	59	Harwich Port, Mass.
7.	18	Frances Saldibar	40	East Harwich, Mass.
8.	21	Arthur Guertin (Cremated)		Harwich Port, Mass.
June:				
9.	3	George Dewey Grant (Grande)	56	Harwich, Mass.
10.	7	Howard Clark Ryder	80	South Harwich, Mass.
September:				
11.	9	Ida Melissa Phillips	86	West Harwich, Mass.
November:				
12.	15	Herbert Clayron Crowell	61	Harwich Center, Mass.
13.	17	Mary Eldridge Howes	87	West Harwich, Mass.
January:				
14.	15	Mabel Gertrude W. Kendrick	76	Harwich Port, Mass.

Report of the Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

For the Year ending December 31, 1956

Taxes:

Prior Years		
Personal Property	\$1,681.29	
Real Estate	23,958.16	
	<hr/>	\$25,639.45

Current Year:

Poll	1,830.00	
Personal Property	55,680.26	
Real Estate	625,685.35	
	<hr/>	683,195.61

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Prior Years	4,623.82	
Current Year	43,682.57	
	<hr/>	43,306.39

Interest	851.73	
Lien Certificates	57.82	
Costs	8.00	
	<hr/>	917.55
Tax Titles		1,113.27

Departmental:

General Relief	\$5,671.22	
Aid to Dependent Children	5,583.19	
Old Age Assistance	36,156.96	
Veterans' Services	4,681.53	
Disability Assistance	5,665.49	
School	9,291.60	
	<hr/>	67,049.99

Aid to Highways:

State—Contract #15927	\$1,499.20	
County—Contract #15827	1,499.20	
State—Contract #16181	20,425.12	
County—Contract #16181	7,548.14	
	<hr/>	30,971.66

Payroll Deductions:

Federal Withholding Taxes		35,465.77
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Federal Grants:

Disability Assistance—Adm.	\$438.13	
Disability Assistance—Aid	2,073.25	
Aid to Dependent Children—Adm.	1,503.22	
Aid to Dependent Children—Aid	8,707.67	
Old Age Assistance—Adm.	2,333.91	
Old Age Assistance—Aid	27,641.05	
	<hr/>	42,697.23

Revolving Funds:

School Lunch—		
Elementary	\$18,879.06	
High School	8,340.66	
Athletics	583.80	
	<hr/>	27,803.52

Proceeds of Dog Licenses

878.40

Land Taking

9.76

Bequests:

Trust & Investment Funds	100.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	450.00

Income:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	\$1,233.65	
Caleb Chase Fund	835.21	
Johnson-Ulm-Scholarship Fund	1,425.00	
	<hr/>	3,493.86

Water Revenue

78,531.48

County Dog Fund

679.38

Old Age Assistance—Recoveries

5,773.60

Disability Assistance—Recoveries

300.00

Hurricane Relief—Chap. 689

3,000.00

Maturing Treasury Bill

1,572.50

Appropriation Refunds:

Old Age Assistance	\$237.05	
Teacher's Annuity Fund	38.40	
Aid to Dependent Children	50.20	
Johnson-Ulm—Scholarship Fund	50.00	
School	94.63	
Marine Fisheries—State	150.00	
Exchange Building & Town Offices	18.10	
	<hr/>	638.38

Estimated Receipts:

Building Permits	320.00
Pistol Permits	21.00
Subdivision Fees	40.00
Shellfish	236.00
Swedish Massage	11.00
Lodging House	138.00
Inn Holder	64.00
Class One-Motor Vehicle	10.00
Victualler	44.00
Plumbing Permits	272.00

Garbage	20.00
Oleomargarine	.50
Motels	8.50
Auctioneer	6.00
Cleaning Cesspools	15.00
Cabins	.50
Frozen Desserts	5.00
Voting Lists	5.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	91.75
Transient Vendors	15.00
Liquor Licenses	4,340.75
Bowling	22.00
Junk	25.00
Gasoline Tanks	16.00
Court Fines	25.00
Library Fines	23.40
Court Room Rent	1,250.00
Voting Lists	9.00
Rent of Stores—Exchange Building	1,500.00
Rent Room—Brook's Block	1.00
Rent Room—Recreational Hall	100.00
Rent—Exchange Hall	15.00
Town Nurse collections	1,047.25
Rent Town Sprayer	38.25
Funeral Director	4.00
Rent of Road Machinery	24.00
School—Sale of Books & Supplies	127.23
Advertising	56.68
Refund—Paid Twice	18.20
Reimbursement Welfare, Previous year	11.50
Insurance reimbursement	108.78
Miscellaneous Receipts	49.72
Meal Tax	1,858.24
Corporation Taxes	31,000.00
Income Tax	42,103.29
School Construction Grant	3,724.45
School Aid—Chapter 70—G.L.	11,400.00
Director of Standards	16.00
Total Receipts—1956	<hr/> \$1,158,825.79
Cash Balance January 1, 1956	585,756.54
	<hr/> \$1,744,582.33

LEDGER ACCOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

Accounts	Balances Jan. 1, 1956	Appro- priations	Cash Receipts	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expendi- tures	Unexp'd Bal. to Revenue	Balance Carried to 1957
Moderator		\$100.00			\$100.00		
Selectmen—Chairmen's Salary		1,700.00			1,700.00		
Selectmen:							
Board Members' Salaries		3,200.00			3,200.00		
Selectmen's Secretary Salary		2,800.00			2,800.00		
Selectmen's Expense		500.00			345.24	\$154.76	
Clerk's Salary		2,100.00			1,980.00	120.00	
Assessors' Salaries		4,200.00			4,200.00		
Assessors' Expense		1,500.00			1,305.74	194.26	
Accountant's Salary		3,000.00			3,000.00		
Accountant's Expense		300.00			210.71	89.29	
Treasurer's Salary		2,200.00			2,200.00		
Treasurer's Bond		232.00			232.00		
Treasurer's Expense		1,000.00			966.81	33.19	
Certification of Town Notes		10.00				10.00	
Town Clerk's Salary		1,000.00			1,000.00		
Town Clerk's Bond		5.00			5.00		
Town Clerk's Expense		100.00			89.77	10.23	
Tax Collector's Salary		3,200.00			3,200.00		
Tax Collector's Bond		354.75			243.50	111.25	
Tax Title Expense		100.00			22.96	77.04	
Tax Collector's Expense		960.00			960.00		
Deputy Collector's Fees		100.00			20.00	80.00	
Survey & Maps of the Town		7,000.00			6,991.74	8.26	
Law Department		1,500.00			1,500.00		
Settlement of Claims & Suits		300.00			203.00	97.00	
Land Transactions & Expenses		650.00			308.13	341.87	
Elections & Registrations		3,500.00			3,950.57	49.43	
Finance Committee Expense		250.00		\$500.00	116.25	133.75	
Planning Board Expense		200.00			75.19	124.81	

Ledger Account—Continued

Accounts	Balances Jan. 1, 1956	Appro- priations	Cash Receipts	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expendi- tures	Unexp'd Bal. to Revenue	Balance Carried to 1957
Board of Appeals Expense		300.00			163.34	136.66	
Committee to Study Town Manager System		75.00					\$75.00
Exchange Building & Town Office Janitor's Salary		2,900.00			2,900.00		
Exchange Building & Town Office Other Expense		5,200.00	\$18.10		4,040.91	1,177.19	
Police Department:							
Police Chief's Salary		4,300.00			4,300.00		
Deputy Chief's Salary		3,900.00			975.00	2,925.00	
Sergeant's Salary		3,700.00			3,700.00		
Patrolmen's Salaries		17,400.00			17,100.00	300.00	
Special Officers' Salaries		4,000.00			3,754.64	245.36	
Equipment Expense—Cruisers		2,850.00	52.98		2,901.95	1.03	
Other Expense		2,202.20			2,151.44	50.76	
Repairs to Police Dept. Buildings		500.00			342.99	157.01	
Purchase New Police Cruiser	\$306.00				306.00*		
Fire Department:							
Fire Chief's Salary		4,300.00			4,300.00		
Permanent Firemen's Salaries		10,800.00			10,800.00		
Call Men's Salaries		3,500.00		1,074.50	4,573.50	1.00	
Equipment Expenses		4,594.05			4,592.78	1.27	
Other Expense		2,300.00			2,299.48	.52	
Purchase New Ranch Wagon—							
Fire Chief	24.00				24.00*		
Repairs to Fire Dept. Buildings		436.00			435.72	.28	
Dog Officer		150.00			150.00		
Tree Warden's Salary		500.00			500.00		
Moth Department Expenses		2,700.00			2,700.00		
Forestry Dept. Expenses		800.00			800.00		

Dutch Elm Control Expense	700.00		700.00	
Marine Fisheries—State		894.17		492.47
Building Inspector's Salary	2,500.00			
Building Inspector's Expense	400.00			
Wire Inspector's Salary	900.00		150.00	
Wire Inspector's Expense	300.00			
Civil Defense—Equip. & Maintenance	1,650.00			234.20
Sealer of Weights & Measures	700.00			
Town Nurse Salary	2,800.00			
Town Nurse Expenses	450.00			
Town Nurse Substitute Salary	1,250.00			118.00
Dental Clinic—Schools	1,500.00			131.71
Sanitation & Layout Inspector	300.00			
Free Bed—Cape Cod Hospital	1,000.00			48.80
Care of Town Beaches	3,000.00			
Life Guard at Beach	600.00			60.00
Inspector of Animals—Salary	50.00			
Inspector of Slaughtering—Salary	50.00			
Plumbing Inspector—Fees & Expenses	1,500.00			22.00
Town Dump	4,500.00			838.08
Board of Health	3,200.00			2,275.72
Highway Surveyor's Salary	4,300.00			
Insurance—Highway Dept.	900.00			266.78
Repairs to Highway Dept. Building	300.00			30.52
Highway—General Repairs	45,000.00		2,989.38**	2.03
Snow Removal	8,000.00		3,900.00	-616.39
Fences and Railings	600.00			
Bridges	600.00			2.86
Sidewalks	2,000.00			4.00
Purchase Truck for Highway Dept.		115.00		720.36
Purchase New Pickup Truck— Highway Dept.		613.50		115.00*
Chapter 90—Highway Maintenance	3,000.00			.89
Chap. 90—Highway Construction	48,000.00			33,569.26
Street Lights—Elec. Contract	12,900.00			12,647.85
				252.15
				14,430.74

Ledger Account—Continued

Accounts	Balances Jan. 1, 1956	Appro- priations	Cash Receipts	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expendi- tures	Unexp'd Bal. to Revenue	Balance Carried to 1957
Improvement to Parking Lot— Pleasant Rd. Beach	400.00						400.00
Oil Parking Lot—Pleasant Rd. Beach	200.00						200.00
Hardening Parking Area— Town Beach—Pleasant Bay	500.00						500.00
Clear & Improve New Beach— Long Pond	241.00						241.00
Art. 18—Seymour Pond	200.00				42.50		157.50
Purchase Beach Land—C. B. Russell	1,850.00						1,850.00
Purchase S. Harwich Beach Land	2,916.00						2,916.00
Shore Erosion & Development of Beach—S. Harwich—Art. 70	12,000.00				11,000.00		1,000.00
Prevention of Erosion— Camp Ground Beach	3,000.00						3,000.00
Widen & Improve Queen Anne Rd.	1,570.48	2,000.00			3,423.18		147.30
Harden & Improve Victory Dr.	.97						.97
Widening & Resurfacing Belmont Road from Route 28	345.39				123.40		221.99
Widening & Resurfacing Earle Terrace—West Harwich	2.80						2.80
Harden & Improve New Layout— Long Pond Drive	175.00				174.80		.20
Widen & Resurface Division St.— West Harwich—Art. 77	4,500.00				116.80		4,383.20
Widen & Improve Pleasant Bay Rd. East Harwich—Art. 77—1955	361.50				233.60		127.90
Grade & Surface Trumet Road West Harwich—Art. 78—1955	.45						.45
Regrading & Hardening Town Landing—Allen's Harbor	85.00						85.00
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Ledger Account—Continued

Accounts	Balances Jan. 1, 1956	Appro- priations	Cash Receipts	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expendi- tures	Unexp'd Bal. to Revenue	Balance Carried to 1957
Auxiliary Agencies Outlay		19,425.00 4,000.00	51.34		19,346.05 3,981.97	130.29 18.03	
High School Lunch	967.75				8,965.23		343.18
Elementary School Lunch	245.63	500.00	8,340.66		18,908.60		759.21
Vocational Education		1,000.00	18,922.18		796.50	203.50	
High School Athletics	45.24	800.00	583.80		1,421.55		7.49
For Use of Committee on Space Needs for Schools	900.00						
Addition to Elementary School	18,239.35				16,147.20		900.00
Spec. Regional School Planning Committee	300.00						2,092.15
Brooks Free Library		3,500.00	679.38†		4,179.38		300.00
Chase Library		900.00			900.00		
Harwich Port Library		900.00			899.30	.70	
Park Dept.—							
Labor—Expenses & Outlays		8,440.00	300.00T		8,739.90	.10	
Recreation Commission—							
Building & Playground		3,925.00			3,898.34	26.66	
Recreation Comm.—Bldg. & Play- ground-Insurance (Liability)		75.00			34.98	40.02	
Installation of Water		300.00			282.19	17.81	
Recreation Commission—							
Administration		50.00			47.66	2.34	
Junior & Senior Activities		1,675.00			1,671.91	3.09	
Park Maintenance		100.00			99.60	.40	
Recreation Commission—							
Park Development		500.00			495.25	4.75	
Repairs to Recreation Building		600.00			595.38	4.62	
Improve Land North of Brooks'							
Park for Recreation	339.85						339.85

Widening & Resurfacing:			
South St. (Art. 52—1956)	5,000.00		5,000.00
Queen Anne Rd. (Art. 53—1956)	2,000.00	1,852.70	147.30
Pleasant Park Rd. (Art. 54—1956)	1,000.00	860.36	139.64
Main St.—Old Chatham Rd. (Art. 56)	10,000.00	800.00	9,200.00
Building Sidewalk, Pleasant St.			
Harwichport—Art. 57—1956	1,000.00		1,000.00
Taking of Land—Rte 39—			
Access to Well (Art. 58—1956)	200.00		200.00
Extension of Water Main—Oak St.			
Art. 62—1956	1,915.00	1,664.24	250.76
Extension of Water Main—Brooks'			
Rd. to Dunes Rd. (Art. 65—1956)	3,975.00	3,015.92	959.08
Painting Standpipe—Brooks' Park			
(Art. 67—1956)	4,220.00	4,220.00	
Painting & Repairing Water Tank—			
Kildee Hill—Art. 68—1956	11,620.00	9,635.16	1,984.84
Purchase New Tractor for Water			
Dept. (Art. 69—1956)	4,000.00	3,970.44	29.56
Extensions of Water Mains			
(6% Income) Art. 70—1956	4,000.00	3,854.03	145.97
Expense of Committee to Investigate			
Buildings (Art. 75—1956)	400.00	150.00	250.00
Unpaid Bills of Previous Years			
(Art. 80—1956)	1,907.17	1,872.99	34.18
Interest on Tax Anticipation Loans	200.00	200.00	
Federal Withholding Taxes			
Proceeds of Dog Licenses for County		25,184.90	
Land Taking & Costs		878.40	
Teachers' Annuity Fund		9.76	
Retirement of Water Bonds		38.40	
Interest on Water Bonds	58,000.00	58,000.00	
Retirement of Elem. School Bonds	14,878.50	14,878.50	
Interest on Elem. School Bonds	43,000.00	43,000.00	
	14,560.00	14,560.00	

State Assessments:

State Parks & Reservations	\$1,304.00
Cape Cod Mosquito Control	4,950.76
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,262.89
County Tax	75,604.47
Barnstable County Retirement System	4,886.41
Final Judgements	7,836.32

Trust Funds: Income:

Caleb Chase—Public Welfare	957.06
Johnson-Ulm Scholarship	1,250.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	1,233.65
Cemetery Bequest	100.00

Refunds:

Taxes:

Personal Property—1955	\$7.80	
Real Estate—1955	236.17	
Poll Tax—1956	2.00	
Personal Property—1956	80.85	
Real Estate—1956	1,156.89	
Motor Vehicle Excise—1955	125.11	
Motor Vehicle Excise—1956	729.69	
		<hr/> 2,338.51

Total Payments	\$1,391,872.53
Cash on hand December 31, 1956	352,709.80
	<hr/> \$1,755,582.33

* Transfer by vote of Town at Annual Town Meeting, Feb. 14-15, 1956 to Surplus Revenue.

** Gasoline Transfer.

† Dog Fund

T—Transfer of Available Funds from Surplus Revenue as voted at Special Town Meeting, November 2, 1956, as follows:

Veterans' Services—Cash & Material Grants	\$3,000.00	
Fire Dept.—Call Men's salaries	800.00	
Town Nurse—Substitute salary	750.00	
Elections & Registration	500.00	
Park Department—Labor & Expenses	300.00	
		<hr/> \$5,350.00

Transfer from Reserve Fund in the year of 1956:

Snow Removal	\$3,900.00	
Articles 15 & 16	237.87	
Disability Assistance—Town Fund	3,200.00	
Veterans' Services—Cash & Material Grants	282.00	
Fire Dept.—Call Men's salaries	274.50	
		<hr/> \$7,894.37

TOWN OF HARWICH

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1956

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

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Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash	\$352,709.80	Trust Funds—Income	\$481.93
Taxes	33,848.68	Marine Fisheries—State	492.47
Special Taxes	16.00	Federal Grants	8,998.82
Motor Vehicle Excise	5,069.29	School—Revolving Funds	1,109.88
Tax Titles and Possessions	1,335.34	Appropriation Balances	173,937.29
Departmental	12,772.58	Federal Taxes	10,280.87
Water Rates & Services	4,863.68	Overestimates—1956	9.23
Overlay—1956	2,180.44	Sale of Real Estate Fund	3,422.75
Underestimates—1956	9,847.40	Overlay Surplus	2,490.05
Brook's Medal Fund	18.29	Overlay—1955	113.88
Final Judgements	4,412.80	Revenue Reserved	24,056.89
Snow Removal	616.39	Recoveries	6,073.60
		Surplus Revenue	196,223.03
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	<hr/>		\$427,690.69
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DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:	
Inside Limit		Inside Debt Limit	
General	\$561,000.00	General—School	\$561,000.00
Outside Limit:		Outside Debt Limit:	
Public Service Enterprises	636,000.00	Public Service Enterprises:	
		Water	636,000.00
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	<hr/>		\$1,197,000.00
	\$1,197,000.00		<hr/>

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:			
In custody of Town Treasurer			
In custody of Trustees			
School Funds:			
Henry C. Brooks Medal	\$72,074.72	\$1,290.32	
Johnson-Ulm Scholarship	15,660.64	35,156.10	\$36,446.42
Cemetery Perpetual Care			33,740.60
Investment Funds:			
Post-War Rehabilitation		\$926.43	
Stabilization		961.27	1,887.70
In custody of Trustees:			
Caleb Chase Charity Fund			10,303.49
Library Funds:			
George W. Nickerson		5,183.40	
John J. Small		173.75	5,357.15
	<u>\$87,735.36</u>		<u>\$87,735.36</u>
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Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS B. SAWYER,
Town Accountant

Ledger Account—Continued

Accounts	Balances Jan. 1, 1956	Appro- priations	Cash Receipts	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expendi- tures	Unexp'd Bal. to Revenue	Balance Carried to 1957
Pumping Station—Expenses		8,475.00			5,787.51	2,687.49	
Service Installations		20,000.00			19,593.63	406.37	
Water Survey—1953		345.17			345.17		
Water Main Construction Acct.		2,344.69 T			2,344.69		
Painting & Repairing Water Tank— Kildee Hill—1953	664.94				664.94		
Installation of Water Mains on Town Accepted Roads (Art. 46—1954)	26,534.61				6,714.87		19,819.74
Complete Water Mains on South St. North to Existing Mains and along Sisson Rd. to Rte. 28—Art. 49—1954	2,000.00				2,000.00		
Connect Existing Water Mains on Belmont Road—(Art. 50—1954)	2,344.69				2,344.69*		
Extend Water Mains at Old Mill Point—Harwich (Art. 51—1954)	460.51				460.51		
Water Mains & Constructions (Art. 1—June 3—1955)	209,891.21				181,252.94		28,638.27
Water Dept.—Making Test Wells (Art. 3—1955)	4,133.40				739.71		3,393.69
Extend Water to Flag Pole— Brook's Park (Art. 22—1955)	24.27				24.27*		
Construction & Extension of Water Mains (Art. 39—1955)	4,534.78				4,534.78		
Water Extensions—Art. 40—1955	927.79				927.79		
Purchase Truck for Water Dept. (Art. 41—1955)	5.00				5.00*		
Purchase Land for Water Dept. (Art. 42—1955)	2,500.00						2,500.00
Water Dept.—New Wells—(Art. 43)	58,395.45				42,636.35		15,759.10

Ledger Account—Continued

Accounts	Balances Jan. 1, 1956	Appro- priations	Cash Receipts	Reserve Fund Transfers	Expendi- tures	Unexp'd Bal. to Revenue	Balance Carried to 1957
Emergency Power Unit—Elem. School Art. 21—1956	1,600.00						1,600.00
Planting Shade Trees—Art. 22—1956	500.00				500.00		
Building Tool Shed—Town Dump Art. 23—1956	250.00				250.00		
Improvement of Parking Facilities— Red River Beach—Art. 24—1956	2,500.00				1,722.60		777.40
Purchase New Spraying Machine— Moth Dept. Art. 26—1956	2,450.00				2,370.80		79.20
Taking Land of Low Value— Dump Area—Art. 28—1956	10.00						10.00
Repairing Jetty & Dredging Westerly Side Herring River—Art. 33—1956	9,000.00						9,000.00
Taking Land of Ziskind & McDumott— Between Pleasant Lake Ave. and Oak St. (Art. 34)	500.00						500.00
New Tennis Court—Brook's Park— (Additional) Art. 38—1956	1,600.00						1,600.00
Tool House—Brooks Park—Art. 21—1955	3,000.00				3,000.00		
Install Public Toilets & Erect Tool House Brooks Park—Art. 39—1956	1,000.00				976.59		23.41
Erect Comfort Station—Harwichport School Parking Lot—Art. 40—1956	6,000.00				2.25		5,997.75
Widening & Resurfacing Elwood Rd. Art. 48—1956	500.00				499.30		.70
Widening & Resurfacing Sunset Rd. Art. 49—1956	400.00				398.13		1.87
Widening & Resurfacing Clifford Rd. (Art. 51—1956)	350.00				348.64		1.36

Report of the School Committee

and the

Superintendent of Schools

For the Year Ending

December 31, 1956

ORGANIZATION FOR THE YEAR 1956

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

H. William Morey, Chairman	Term Expires 1957
Mrs. Margaret Leonard, Sec'y.	Term Expires 1958
Mrs. Priscilla Baldwin	Term Expires 1957
Donald T. Bates	Term Expires 1959
Ralph U. Brett	Term Expires 1958

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Sydney G. Pierce

SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

Edward E. Taylor

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Arthur J. D'Elia, M.D.

Norris G. Orchard, M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Adelyn J. Peabody, R.N.

Report of the School Committee

To the Citizens of Harwich:

By vote of the 1955 Annual Town Meeting, the school committee was increased from three to five members, effective in 1956. Mr. Ralph Brett and Mrs. Priscilla Baldwin were elected as additional members, and Mr. Donald Bates was elected to succeed Mr. E. Gorham Nickerson. Mr. H. William Morey was elected Chairman, and Mrs. Margaret Leonard, Secretary at the organization meeting in February. The committee meets regularly twice a month, and special meetings are called when necessary.

Brooks Academy building was reopened in September to relieve the crowded situation at the High School. Two seventh grades and one ungraded class are housed in this building, and while solving the problem temporarily, the committee is faced with the entire High School space problem.

The committee met in December with the School Building Assistance Commission to discuss our needs, and as a result of this meeting an article has been inserted in the town warrant to see if the town will appoint a committee to recommend to the town the way or ways for meeting the problem of the space needs.

Two other articles have been inserted in the warrant, one for a sum of money to replace an oil burner at the High School, and one for an additional sum of money to be added to that appropriated last year for a generator. It was planned to purchase a surplus generator last year, but it was found that these generators were not of sufficient power for our needs.

The committee authorized the installation of an Executone system to be installed from the school to the home of Beverly Baldwin, a High School student who will be confined to bed for months. This system permits her to have direct contact with her classes and stimulates a class interest in her recovery.

Early in January the committee met with members of Union #16 to discuss the dissolution of this Union. It was

voted at this meeting to dissolve, subject to approval of the State Board of Education. In all probability we will join with Chatham, since our combined school population would make such a union feasible.

We direct your attention to the reports of Mr. Pierce, Mr. MacKay, Mr. Nesmith and the supervisors which will give you detailed account of our school activities. We are pleased with the progress that has been made this year, and it is our earnest desire that we may constantly be striving to improve our school system. We urge you all to have an active interest in our schools, to visit them more often, and acquaint yourselves with our faculty and staff. We need your active support and understanding as we serve as your representatives.

Respectfully,

H. WILLIAM MOREY
MRS. MARGARET LEONARD
MRS. PRISCILLA BALDWIN
RALPH U. BRETT
DONALD T. BATES
Harwich School Committee

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	Expended 1956	Needed 1957
General Control:		
Superintendent of Schools		
Enforcement of Law: Salaries	\$5,712.03	
Other expenses of General Control	1,372.61	
	<hr/> \$7,084.64	\$7,452.00
Instruction:		
Salaries of Supervisors, Principals and Teachers	\$150,070.94	
Textbooks	2,778.30	
Supplies	7,243.15	
	<hr/> \$160,092.39	192,379.00
Operation:		
Janitors	\$14,088.93	
Fuel	7,650.12	
Miscellaneous (Electricity, Gas, Janitor Supplies, etc.)	7,436.01	
	<hr/> \$29,175.06	33,500.00
Maintenance:		
Repairs, Replacement & Upkeep	7,695.13	9,000.00
Auxiliary Agencies:		
Libraries	\$1,130.58	
Health—Nurse, Physicians, Supplies	1,441.80	
Transportation	13,677.38	
Miscellaneous (Graduation, Telephone, Rubbish disposal, Teachers' expenses, etc.)	3,096.29	
	<hr/> \$19,346.05	22,545.00
Outlay:		
New Equipment	2,481.97	4,000.00
Contingencies:		3,000.00
	<hr/> \$226,875.24	<hr/> \$271,876.00
Appropriation 1956	\$227,108.00	
Refunds	51.51	
	<hr/> \$227,159.51	
Expended 1956	226,875.24	
	<hr/> \$284.27	

NET COST OF SCHOOLS

Expenditure		\$226,875.24
Accounts Receivable:		
School Funds and State Aid—Chap. 70	\$28,413.66	
All School Transportation—Chap. 71	6,475.66	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Reimbursement of Trainable and Educable Special Classes	6,343.77	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts: Tuition and Transportation	902.00	
Tuition:		
Town of Chatham	\$617.36	
Town of Dennis	218.40	
Town of Yarmouth	692.92	
Town of Barnstable	116.56	
Telephone Reimbursements:		
Town of Chatham	\$113.32	
Town of Eastham	32.76	
Town of Orleans	128.60	
Miscellaneous (Cash turned in for shop materials to pupils—lost books, etc.)	127.23	
		<u>44,182.24</u>
Net Cost of Schools—1956		\$182,693.00

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ACCOUNT—1956

Appropriation—1956	\$200.00
Brought forward from 1955	45.24
Receipts—1956	583.80
	<u>\$1,429.04</u>
Expended—1956	1,421.55
Carried forward to 1957	<u>\$7.49</u>
Funds requested for 1957	\$1,500.00

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Appropriation—1956	\$1,000.00
Expended—1956	796.50
Unexpended	<u>\$203.50</u>
Received on account of Vocational Education for year ending August 31, 1955	\$325.40
Funds requested for 1957	\$1,000.00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Appropriation—1956		\$750.00
Expended		712.50
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Unexpended		\$37.50
Funds requested for 1957	\$750.00	

SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNTS—1956**High School**

	Receipts	Expenses
Carried forward from 1955	\$967.75	
Sales of Lunches and Federal Subsidies received in 1956	8,340.66	
Salaries		\$3,540.96
Equipment		13.89
Food and Supplies		5,410.38
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	\$9,308.41	\$8,965.23
Carried forward to 1957	\$343.18	
Funds requested for 1957	None	

Elementary School

	Receipts	Expenses
Carried forward from 1955	\$245.63	
Appropriation—1956	500.00	
Sales of Lunches and Federal Subsidies received in 1956	18,922.18	
Salaries		\$6,316.50
Equipment		198.31
Food and Supplies		12,393.79
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	\$19,667.81	\$18,908.60
Carried forward to 1957	\$759.21	
Funds requested for 1957	\$500.00	

**REPORT OF THE
JOHNSON-ULM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Total of Fund	\$35,000.00
Working Fund, January 1, 1956	701.53
Refund	50.00
March Dividend	437.50
September Dividend	437.50
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Expended for Scholarships—1956	\$36,626.53
	1,250.00
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Statement of Account as of December 31, 1956	\$35,376.53

Tuition scholarships have been granted to the following persons for the school year 1956-57.

Nancy Andersson	New England Deaconess Hospital
George Baldwin, Jr.	Burdett College
Mary Belle Barker	Bridgewater College
Charles Corkum	Northeastern University
Ellen D'Elia	Simmons College
Michael D'Elia	Dartmouth College
Lee Hancock	Mass. School of Art
Richard Joy	Worcester Junior College
Josephine Keefe	Regis College
Elaine Hopkins	Univ. of Pennsylvania
James Leonard	Univ. of Massachusetts
Kay Perisho	Mass. School of Art
Evangeline Robbins	Fisher Junior College

CHAUNCEY D. MacKAY, Chairman

H. WILLIAM MOREY

MRS. MARGARET LEONARD

MRS. PRISCILLA BALDWIN

RALPH U. BRETT

DONALD T. BATES

SYDNEY G. PIERCE, Secretary

Johnson-Ulm Memorial
Scholarship Committee

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of Harwich:

I am pleased to submit my second in the series of annual reports of the School Superintendents for this town.

UNION #16

I have not learned the date of the formation of this superintendency union, involving the towns of Chatham, Eastham, Harwich and Orleans. But it appears to have been formed some time before the turn of the century. Through the years since its organization it has come to take a place among the largest superintendency unions in the state, with a combined, full-time teaching and supervisory staff currently numbering more than 100 people, and a total pupil enrollment approaching two thousand.

In 1954, in order to meet the demands of an expanded organization, the Committees of the Union made a wise move in the establishment of the position of elementary supervisor and they made a wise choice in the person of Dr. Harriett Chace to fill the position. Dr. Chace's work is of real value to the schools, providing, as it does, for the supervision of instruction, a function for which the duties of the superintendency provide little opportunity.

Despite the addition of this service, the multiplicity of administrative demands indicates the need for additional administrative personnel, or a subdivision of the Union. The latter move was also suggested by my predecessor, Herbert E. Hoyt.

At this writing, the newly-formed region (Eastham, Orleans, Wellfleet) involving two of the towns of this Union, may serve to precipitate the dissolution of the Union. Indications are that a move toward this objective may be made early in 1957, with consummation coming during the year, if a majority of the constituent school committees and the State Department of Education approve.

Among the union supervisors, two changes occurred during the year. Mr. Edward Bolton was elected art supervisor, replacing Mr. Leo Ferris. Mr. Bolton is responsible for the direction of the art program for the entire union, and the duties of instruction are shared by Mr. Vernon Smith.

Mrs. Iris McKenney was elected to teach some of the vocal music at Harwich, relieving Mr. Whitney Tileston of some of his work, so that he would have time to meet with the increasing number of classes in other towns.

Instrumental music in all the towns waxes encouragingly. I look forward to the day, not too distant, when this program will match the accomplishment it once knew.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

The need for improved and additional space for grades 7-12 is not a new proposition, but it is one of increasing acuteness. At the present time there are approximately 275 pupils housed at the High School and Brooks Academy. It is likely that within ten years we shall have at least one-third more pupils in grades 7-12 than we have now, or approximately 370 pupils.

Some of the problems of space are spelled out in this year's report of the High School Principal.

The Harwich School Committee has sponsored an article for the warrant of the next Town Meeting, requesting the establishment of a committee which will make a thorough study of the situation and report on the means for solution.

There are observations related to our problem which I should like to make for whatever consideration they may be worth.

1. The trend across the nation is away from the small school organization. An impressive number of authorities concur that the broad curriculum needed at the secondary level, to keep pace with present-day competition, and to provide adequately for individual needs, can not be provided economically in a school of less than approximately 500 pupils in grades 7-12. Harwich is not likely to reach this total in the foreseeable future. The special facilities and broader course offerings to be found in larger schools can be provided by the small school, but the expense is usually prohibitive. It is not only expensive to offer courses desired by just a few students, but most educators agree that the limited competition and exchange reduce the educational value of such courses.

2. Here on the Cape we see evidence of the trend toward larger schools. Dennis and Yarmouth have formed a region and are building now for an ultimate enrollment around 600. Recently Eastham, Orleans and Wellfleet voted to form a region. If consummated, their plans will provide facilities for an enrollment between 500 and 600 within ten years. Some of the other towns on the Cape already have high schools as large or larger than this.

PERSONNEL

Changes among members of the teaching staff were comparatively few. Miss Thora Walker resigned at the close of school to marry and to take a teaching position in a western state. Miss Worraine Albee, who had been teaching at Groton, Mass., was elected to take Miss Walker's place in our physical education department.

Miss Meredith Drew was elected to teach commercial subjects, replacing Miss Ruth Roberts who resigned to pursue a program of advanced study. Miss Drew has several years of teaching experience, the most recent in the public schools of Waltham, Mass.

Mrs. Winifred Reynolds resigned in August, accepting a position in Whitinsville, Mass., and Mrs. Barbara Ford was elected to teach English at the High School. Mrs. Ford is a graduate of Wheaton College, and has done considerable substitute teaching.

Mr. James Bolton, a graduate of Rhode Island School of Design was added to the High School staff to teach mathematics, science and technical subjects. Mr. Bolton has a background of experience in mechanical engineering.

Mrs. May Cooper brings several years of experience in the public schools of New York to her teaching of biology and science. Some of her classes were taught formerly by the teacher of girls physical education. With this relief the latter now has time to teach physical education in the lower grades, and we now have a physical education program covering all grades.

The only change at the Elementary School was the addition of Mrs. Ruth Norris to teach fourth grade. This is the first year we have had three divisions in grade four. Next year we shall need an additional fifth grade teacher, and the following year one for sixth grade, as the large classes make their way up through the grades.

Harwich now has a corps of thirty-seven full-time teachers and receives the services of nine supervisory personnel on a part-time basis.

FINANCE

In keeping with custom the following table is included to compare school operating costs over the past five years.

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Total Cost of Schools:					
	\$136,509.06	\$136,921.76	\$154,762.98	\$189,520.58	\$226,875.24
Reimbursements:					
	20,487.53	22,787.82	24,125.98	34,457.10	44,182.24
Net Cost to Town:					
	116,021.53	114,133.94	130,673.00	155,063.48	182,693.00
Valuation of Town:					
	12,281,040	13,203,960	13,945,610	14,192,350	14,275,000
Tax for Schools:					
	9.45	8.64	9.34	10.93	12.80
Number of Pupils Oct. 1:					
	543	591	598	674	729
Gross Cost per Pupil:					
	251.40	231.28	258.80	281.19	311.08
Net Cost per Pupil:					
	213.67	192.79	218.51	230.06	250.65

The figures above reflect the rise in costs for school operation. This increase is comparable with that of other school systems of our size in the state. Also, Harwich enjoys one of the lowest rates of tax for schools in Massachusetts—the median for towns in our category being in the neighborhood of \$25.00 per \$1,000 valuation.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Hot lunches are served in all three of our schools. Food is prepared at the High School and at the Elementary School, and, from the latter, prepared food is transported to Brooks Academy. We have a well organized program which amounted to a business of \$27,873.00 in 1956. It employs eight cafeteria workers—four at the Elementary School, three at the High School and one at Brooks Academy. The success of their efforts is indicated in the percentage of pupil participation (70+%), which runs well above the average for the state.

CONCLUSION

Those taking the time to read the reports in this section of the Town Report are availing themselves of an opportunity to become better acquainted with their schools.

I wish to express my pleasure to be associated with the schools of this town and my appreciation for the cooperation of school personnel and townspeople. Interest and cooperation concerning the schools has bearing on the product.

Respectfully submitted,

SYDNEY G. PIERCE,
Superintendent of Schools

Report of the Principal of the High School

C. D. MacKAY

Following is my fourth annual report for the Harwich High School:

The high school is beginning to receive the increase in enrollment from the elementary school. If all the present members of the senior class graduate, thirty-seven students will receive their diplomas in June. Approximately sixty students will enter the eighth grade in September. The enrollment at present is over two hundred. Next year the facilities of the high school will be used to the maximum. After next year, it will be extremely difficult if not impossible to offer adequate educational opportunities to our high school unless additional facilities are provided. We shall need more classrooms and more teachers. Some of our present facilities, such as those of the household arts and of the science departments, will need to be expanded.

During this school year many of our resources have been used to capacity. The cafeteria has been crowded. The orchestra has been forced to practice in the school parlor adjacent to the household arts classroom, while classes were held, since the auditorium is in almost constant use and was therefore not available. Our auditorium-gymnasium was not adequate for our graduation exercises or for our senior play, and many were turned away from our gymnasium during the basketball games because the seating capacity was often reached by advance sales even before the games had started. There have been several times when it was necessary to use the library for the doctor's physical examinations of students, or for visitors, because every other room in the building was in use. Our single storage room for supplies is woefully inadequate.

In view of the increasing enrollment, a secretary or office worker is sorely needed in the principal's office. Many of the details, letters, filing, recording, could be done by a worker thus leaving the principal free for other more important duties. Such an office worker could also help Mr.

Alcock, our Guidance Director, in the clerical work which takes so much of his time thereby depriving students of the more important functions of guidance and counsel.

Mr. Alcock could well spend all of his time in Harwich instead of dividing his time between Chatham and Harwich. Because of our increasing enrollment, his services are required by more students with the resulting less time for each student. Testing, recording, counselling, parental conferences, etc., gets spread very thin in only 2½ days.

Last June a Program of Studies a mimeographed booklet of 15 pages was distributed to the students of the high school for the first time. This booklet contained information for the requirements for a diploma, the determination of the class to which a student belongs, the description of each subject as it is taught, the courses of study, an election blank and other pertinent information.

Two subjects, American Government, and Principles of Electricity were introduced in September. Principles of Electricity is designed primarily for those students who wish to enter civilian or military technical schools. This subject alternates with a class in the study of engines. American Government is taught during the senior year. A balanced study of federal, state and local government is made. This is the last year of opportunity the high school has of impressing the student with the importance in intelligent citizenship.

It has been possible to departmentalize the subject classes as taught in the high school. A teacher who has majored in English teaches only English classes; a social science teacher has no subject to teach but social science classes. Specialists in each field are teaching only in that field.

Mrs. Barbara Ford, recently elected a teacher of English, at the writing of this report is cataloging the books in the high school library. Mrs. Ford is a trained and experienced librarian and is devoting much time to organizing our library. We expect that we shall soon have a well-furnished and a well-organized school library.

It has been a pleasure to work with the school personnel during the past year. The superintendent, school committee and teachers have been very helpful in all that we have done.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

DONALD C. NESMITH

It is with pleasure that I submit my third annual report as principal of Harwich Elementary School.

I would like briefly to indicate that many of the routine items mentioned in my two previous reports are currently in effect; that is, the banking program, the school safety patrol, assembly programs commemorating the major national holidays, the invaluable school lunch program, the work of the school health department, the conscientious work of the school bus drivers.

Each year there are a certain number of changes which occur which are worthy of note. Perhaps the most salient item is the opening of the Brooks Academy building for the purpose of housing the seventh grade classes. Your elementary school building is now accommodating the grades for which it was constructed. Since September of 1956 we have had two sessions of kindergarten, three first grades, three second grades, three third grades, three fourth grades, two fifth grades, two sixth grades, one class for the trainable mentally retarded and one class for the educable mentally retarded.

The members of the faculty have formulated plans for the revision of several areas of the academic curriculum. Committees are meeting in the fields of arithmetic instruction, social studies, and English and language arts. The members of these committees have as their primary purpose the improvement of the academic program throughout all of the schools of Harwich. This work will be an ongoing and continuing program involving two or three years of effort.

Another continuing program which I feel is invaluable is the attendance of all our sixth grade pupils at the classes in library science presented by Mrs. Virginia Doane at the Brooks Free Library. Many essential skills and understandings are gained which would be unobtainable without this fine service.

Since the submission of the last report, a program of music appreciation has been organized by Mr. Samuel Griffiths, elementary instrumental music supervisor. These programs are broadcast on alternate Friday mornings through

the facilities of the fine new inter-communication system. We feel that youngsters in grades four, five, and six profit greatly by hearing and learning about fine music.

I would like to repeat a section of my report of 1954.

Audio visual education is a necessary part of the modern educational scene. Many times audio-visual aids make the transition from the abstract to the concrete a clear and understandable one. Audio visual education is not an end in itself but is rather a means to an end. It is necessary that audio-visual materials be planned and developed to meet the learning situation.

The problem of the use of audio-visual materials in the school program involves making accessible to the teacher all the audio visual services needed to help him provide a good learning situation. It is imperative that certain basic services be provided in order to have the proper tools to use. Some of these services are:

1. A person in the building trained in the use of audio-visual materials.
2. The following equipment should be available at all times.
 - A. A standard lantern slide projector.
 - B. A combination 2 x 2 and film strip projector (now in the building)
 - C. An opaque projector
 - D. A magnetic tape recorder
 - E. A three speed record player (several now in the building)
 - F. A sound motion picture projector (now in the building)
 - G. A daylight type projection screen (now in the building)
 - H. A radio (now in the building)
3. Supplies for making learning materials should be available. (Some are now available).
 - A. Materials for hand made lantern slides
 - B. Photographic materials
 - C. Materials for bulletin boards
 - D. Poster and exhibit materials
 - E. Materials for sound recordings
4. Opportunities should be provided for field trips, work experiences, etc.
5. In service training in the proper utilization of materials and equipment should be provided for all staff members.

6. An audio-visual library service should be maintained in the school in order to acquaint the teacher with the literature. Some materials that should be readily accessible are:

- A. Films
- B. Slides of all types
- C. Strip films
- D. Recordings
- E. Live radio and television programs
- F. Picture collections
- G. Exhibits

Teachers often fail to use audio-visual materials simply because they are unaccessible at the time they are needed. Availability of these materials is of primary importance.

This report would not be complete without further mention of our wonderful intercommunication system. Perhaps a brief indication of the work the intercom does would be interesting to the reader. Our system incorporates the three channel service—this means that several school rooms may listen to a phonograph program, several other rooms may listen to a radio program, and several rooms may be reached by an announcement from the principals office—all three being transmitted at the same time. We appreciate having this system very much.

I wish to express my appreciation to the teachers, parents, and pupils for their cooperative interest in the school.

I am grateful for the assistance and cooperation given me by Mr. Pierce, Dr. Chace and the School Committee.

REPORT OF THE GUIDANCE DIRECTOR

JAMES W. ALCOCK

I am pleased to submit my third annual report as Guidance Director for Harwich High School.

Twenty-six students were graduated in the Class of 1956. Six are employed, three are married, four entered military service, and fourteen are continuing their education.

In recent years education and training beyond the high school level have become increasingly important. Graduates of the commercial program at Harwich are qualified for entrance positions in the business field, but more employers today are requiring additional training of applicants for attractive positions. Not too long ago graduates of the general

program would enter work at a non-skilled level and work their way up. Now there is a demand for business and technically trained personnel, and there are openings in schools for graduates of good standing from the high school general program.

It is becoming more difficult to gain admission to four-year colleges. Competition for entrance is forcing scholastic standards up. Surveys indicate that by 1960 the flood of college applications is expected to exceed those during the peak of post-World War II years by approximately 30 per cent. Maximum increase in facilities planned by present four-year colleges appears limited to 5-10 per cent.

Many educators feel that careers of future high school graduates depend upon the development of junior or community colleges. Interested parents should give serious consideration to the establishment of a Cape Community College with a dual program, two-year terminal (business or technical) and two-year transfer (general college).

The guidance record developed last year has been printed, but much clerical work must be accomplished to put these records into working order. Part time clerical help will be needed if these records are to be maintained for effective use.

The guidance record is important in the student-centered method of counseling used in our program. This method, which requires students to make their own decisions, is necessarily time consuming. Mrs. Kimball's help this year is greatly appreciated for, in addition to the extra periods of counseling, daily continuity is assured. Because of the amount of counseling to be covered I would like to encourage parents wishing to discuss student problems to utilize appointments after class hours.

During the past year I have served as a member of the Test Institute sponsored by the State Department of Education and also as a member of a team sponsored by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools to evaluate Plymouth High School. Both these functions will effect the future operation of our guidance program.

Guidance can never be the work of a few, and I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation and support given to guidance efforts during the past year.

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SUPERVISOR

I am happy to submit my third annual report as elementary supervisor in the schools of Union No. 16 and to show how I am carrying out the work of this position.

A careful testing program is being continued, records kept, and the total elementary school program studied with aim to better progress. Mental ability testing has been done with group tests at first, third, and sixth grade levels and individual testing wherever group results or class performance indicated a need. In addition to achievement tests given all children in May, some special reading diagnostic tests have been given.

We have been able to do more with the emotionally upset and poorly adjusted child this past year. I have found parents willing and anxious to cooperate in such problems and have had many satisfactory parent and teacher conferences to help specific children.

The Harwich Elementary School has shown a very high gain in reading this past year due to the following factors: the small classes which warrant more individual attention; the continuing of ungraded classes that give special help to slow learners; and to conscientious work by the teachers in teaching reading skills and giving sound foundations in phonics. Arithmetic, too, has shown a decided gain in the school.

A committee of teachers headed by William Fish has completed a course of study in arithmetic which covers more ground on the primary level and stresses arithmetic concepts. About half of the teachers of the school are taking an extension course in arithmetic to further this work.

Our English curriculum committee headed by Mrs. Anders Nelson has established a graded curriculum in English, spelling, and literature and is now studying available texts in these subjects aiming to get the most effective materials to use in the schools.

Another committee on social studies with Mrs. Arthur Gott as chairman has worked out an outline on the material to be taught at each grade level. Eleven teachers in the Harwich Elementary School took a course in teaching skills in social studies, which I presented last spring under State University Extension. From this they are continuing working on curriculum guides that will localize much of the history and geography taught in the lower grades. We are especially collecting materials on Cape Cod and Massachu-

setts. Much available material is on adult level and necessitates our rewriting it at classroom level.

I was fortunate this year to be able to speak on our social studies program at the yearly convention of the National Council of the Social Studies at Cleveland, Ohio, in November. I also represented our school union as a speaker at the regional conference of the National Education Association in Boston and at the annual meeting of Massachusetts Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association in Amherst.

I wish to thank the Harwich school committee for their interest in these contacts with outside educational facilities and state that I am proud to work for a system that is interested in such broad contacts. I should like to express appreciation for the cooperation, friendliness, and courtesy of the superintendent, school principal, teachers, and parents of Harwich.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIETT CHACE

Elementary Supervisor

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

EDWARD E. BOLTON

I hereby submit my first annual report as Supervisor of Art in the Schools of Union No. 16.

Since September 1956 the art department has been undergoing the process of curriculum revision and reorganization. The objective of this activity is to make the art program one of the most outstanding programs in this section of the country. The emphasis of this program is pointed to the development of an appreciation of all arts and crafts for all of the children in the Schools of Union No. 16. For example, the grades from the first through the sixth will be introduced to a program in which directed and non-directed activities are present. The art teacher will teach a lesson once every week with varied subject matter and will introduce new materials in order to give the pupil a wide field of experience. The mediums for expression should include clay modeling, soap carving, the use of crayon, chalk, construction paper, watercolor, finger paint, and poster paint. This instruction will be directed toward a correlation of the

classroom work or to point up specific holidays. There will also be an attempt to train the pupil's eye to see the relationships of the objects in the world around him. Then, between the scheduled weekly art period, the class room teacher carries on art activities in which the child is urged to express his ideas of stories, songs, dances or his every day activity. By this programming, the art department hopes to foster the inventiveness and imagination required for creativity at this level and in the student's every activity for years to come.

The foundation of this program will be in the hands of Mr. Vernon Smith. It is both as an artist and an educator that Mr. Smith guided the children of the elementary schools in their creative activity. We are very fortunate to have Mr. Smith lend us his talents and many years of experience as a professional artist.

Then, on an upper level, the program will be carried on in a more intensified manner. At this level, individual attention for each class member will be the method used to help the student grow at his own rate of speed. Group assignments or projects in which all students will share or participate will be the center of activity with each and every student reaching out from this point toward a specific goal to satisfy his particular need. The students, in most instances, will select their own medium and subject matter relative to a general heading under a controlled experience. The materials for experimentation in this situation should be inks, various lead and charcoal pencils, poster and oil paint, watercolor, chalk, clay for ceramic work, wood and linoleum, soap, leather, wire and various construction papers.

Before the above program is fully in force at this level, a grounding in the various basic techniques are now being put forth. It is of great importance that such a program will be a continual building process. Consequently, it will give the student freedom to advance as far as his interest and ability will allow.

In addition, the foregoing program will be augmented by pamphlets and bulletins. This material will be passed on to the teachers as an aid to teaching by suggesting correlations of activities, projects, and craft work to help stimulate the pupils.

In closing, I should like to express my appreciation to those responsible for giving me the opportunity to work and live with the people on Cape Cod.

SUPERVISOR OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

To the School Committee and Citizens of Harwich:

Herewith I present by report as instrumental music supervisor in the high schools of Union No. 16.

The past year has been a very gratifying one educationally. Instrumentalists from Harwich were well represented at our various festivals. Last year we instituted a new schedule for the festivals starting with the Union Festival at Harwich in February, continuing with the Cape Festival which was held in Chatham early in March, and culminating in the New England Festival at Clairmont, New Hampshire which was held late in March. This gave our instrumentalists more mid winter musical activity and also allowed more time to get ready for the spring school programs.

The orchestra in Harwich is still not very large but the group is a very cooperative and hard working one. With new instrumentalists coming up from the grades, the future looks bright. This year I am taking over instrumental duties at Brooks Academy. I wish to thank Dr. Chace for the use of her office in giving the instrumental lessons.

At the High School, the major problem is one of space or rather the lack of space. Group rehearsals are held in the auditorium, but through no administrative fault, instrumental lessons have to be taught in any space that may be available when needed. Usually we use the fire exit from the auditorium. This is not conducive to good teaching but we do the best we can under the circumstances.

For the coming year, festival plans have already been made with the Union Festival scheduled at Orleans and the Cape Festival scheduled at Barnstable High School. As yet we do not know where the New England Festival will be but are planning to attend it also. The orchestra will be heard in a concert with the Girl's Glee Club probably in April and will also play at graduation.

I wish to express my appreciation to Mr. MacKay, Mr. Fish and the faculty for their cooperation in helping me carry on the instrumental program. I wish also to thank Mr. Pierce and the members of his office staff for cooperation received during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

SALVATORE PICCOLO

Supervisor of Instrumental Music

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**SAMUEL GRIFFITHS**

It is a great pleasure to report favorable progress in our Elementary Instrumental Music program during the past year. We are well on the way—but only on the way—toward outstanding achievement in this field in New England.

Over two hundred students are now taking active part in this program from grades three through six in our School Union. Many other pupils are benefiting from the regular classroom work in rhythm training and music appreciation.

Obvious progress was demonstrated last Spring, when these children presented a public program in Memorial Auditorium in Chatham, upon which occasion an orchestral group of 85 beginners played with reasonable balance and accuracy. Since then each school has formed its own orchestral class, and all of these groups have performed several times for assembly and other school occasions. We shall soon be providing a steady flow of talent to our junior high and high school music groups.

When schools opened last Fall, all children in grades three through six were tested for talent. These tests revealed a large potential, and gifted students are being encouraged to commence studies as fast as they can be assimilated into the program.

In addition to the splendid co-operation received from our administration and staff, teachers, and colleagues, I want to express sincere gratitude to the parents and friends of these young students, for interest shown in our work, and to the children themselves, who are as fine a group as I have ever had the pleasure of teaching.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF VOCAL MUSIC**WEBSTER WHITNEY TILESTON**

A decade of Vocal Music Supervision in our union of Towns! Ten years in which to see the fruits of the music seeds planted then, nurtured and developed to the point of personal, pleasurable participation through the years to the culmination of school music activities in their respective high schools.

In many, many cases our young people have continued in music fields and I watch with inner pride as I follow results. I am glad too, that Harwich has seen the wisdom of

adding an Assistant in the Vocal Music Department to assure the ever increasing enrollment of continued active participation and music learning.

To me, music is the highest of the arts; and art, along with religion, is the way in which people express the best that is in them. Expressing the best that is in us brings a spiritual reward more potent and more permanent than any worldly goods.

In public school music, necessarily and rightly, I have placed the principal stress on singing. The voice is the natural instrument of everyone, and almost everyone sings from time to time all through life, from the comfortable cooing of the baby to the cracked quaver of the octogenarian. Human beings naturally love to sing.

Like art, music has been an emotional outlet, a wholesome leisure-time activity, and an aspect of cultural growth from the most primitive of societies to the most civilized.

One of my most legitimate basic aims in the Teaching of Music in your Town is to give your children a real love of singing (and, for some, playing) and enjoying fine music. The appreciation of music, cultural familiarity with it, the social satisfaction of feeling oneself a participant in group singing or playing, and the use of music as a leisure-time pursuit, all necessarily follow from a genuine love of good music. This can be achieved by giving children musical experience from kindergarten on, that is basically satisfying to them and that familiarizes them as participants with the best music available.

We climax this with three grand Festivals each year: our Union Festival, (with thanks to the Harwich P.T.A. this year as hosts); our Cape and Islands Massed Music Festival (with thanks to the Chatham P.T.A. this year as hosts); and the All New England Music Festival of Chorus, Band and Orchestra, held this year at Claremont, N. H., to which we sent students from all Towns of our Union.

Rhythm is the essence of Music. I stress it. Therefore our children are given a great deal of experience with rhythmic expression. They express the rhythm and meter of music with bodily movements, they create rhythmic games; they relax to music, run to music, dance to music. We try to help them get the feel of the rhythm of music until it becomes a part of them. Then we're ready for singing and develop it through the years as previously discussed.

Music exists for its joy-giving quality and it matters little that many of us never reach proficiency. A momentary push over a rough spot to a goal just ahead may sometimes be not only harmless but helpful. We can tell whether or not this is the case only if we know the child and closely watch his reaction. With many children, if they are to continue voluntarily the musical journey through life, it must be a journey that is in itself satisfying to them. The obstacles must not be so great as to cause discouragement, must not call for effort greater than the satisfaction that results from overcoming them.

In conclusion, may I repeat again, music is the highest of the arts, and moreover, is a social art. Writers and painters create in solitude; they communicate by remote control, as it were. The Musician sings, plays or conducts for an immediate audience, and this immediacy is a public act of love, which can transport both the performer and his audience into a wondrous unity of soul.

I realize that musical talent is largely an accident of heredity and temperament and that no young person can be pushed, cajoled, threatened or bribed into a genuine affection for any art.

In the case of my three sons, as with your boys and girls, I do not insist on the various fields of music but suggest and hope (as we all must with all our hearts) that his or her gifts include a good ear, a supple finger and a singing spirit. I will continue to do my utmost within our schools and our communities to see that all this is developed, cultivated and fostered to the fullest degree.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Minor defects are to be expected in the examination of children entering the Elementary School but happily, most of them may be corrected comparatively easily.

Of the defects most commonly found two stand out. One of them is tooth decay. The old adage concerning a clean tooth is reasonably true but that is not all. Particles of sweet food especially and films from soft drinks remaining in the spaces between teeth will almost surely result in decay. Fluoridation of water helps materially to prevent decay and it is to be hoped that the recommendation of the Town Committee appointed to study fluoridation, that town water will be so treated will be acted upon favorably when the matter is presented to the townspeople for their vote.

The second commonly observed defect and one that gives us concern is brought about by the lack of cod liver oil. This year there is an increase over the past two or three years in the number of children showing unsatisfactory bone growth. For this there is no defense. Adequate daily doses of cod liver oil or a Vitiman D concentrate for scarcely less than ten months of the year (the dark months) will prevent rickets; the term given to this type of faulty bone growth.

Respectfully submitted,

NORRIS G. ORCHARD, M.D.,
School Physician

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

During the fall of 1956 all children in grades 7 through 12 were examined and generally were found to be in good physical condition. There were some children with postural difficulties which can be corrected by exercise. There were also a few children with dental problems which can be corrected easily.

All children in the greatly expanded athletic program were examined separately and carefully. The teams included boys basketball, girls basketball, boys soccer and girls field hockey.

I was proud to participate in the school polio vaccine inoculations together with the other school physicians, town nurses and volunteer nurses. This represents a great milestone in preventive medicine.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. D'ELIA, M.D.,
School Physician

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

The school clinics—physical examination—head examinations—eye and ear tests—free lunches and Cod Liver Oil, given by the Harwich Visiting Nurse Association have been given as usual. This year 582 pre-school and school children were given the Salk vaccine for Polio.

The physical examinations have shown some improvements, but teeth, are still, the most needed correction. The School Dentist does an average of 10-12 children—one day a week.

The School Nurse will be in the building mornings and will do the follow-up work, by making home visits and getting acquainted with the families.

Scattered absentees from chicken pox, measles, colds and virus infections among the teachers as well as the children have had an effect on attendance.

A campaign will be started this winter to encourage children to have better and more breakfast.

The purpose of the health program is to prevent illnesses and to detect physical disability and disease and to do all we can to correct the conditions. Prevention is better than cure—good educational results can be obtained if the individual is in good physical condition. We must try to make the condition of good health a possession for each child.

Respectfully submitted,

ADELYN PEABODY, R.N.,
School Nurse

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DENTIST

The dental program for the fiscal year December 5, 1955 to December 5, 1956 was accomplished in the following manner.

There were as follows:

Extractions	91
Fillings:	
Amalgam	387
Porcelain	47
Zinc Oxide	31
Cleanings	8
Root Canal Treatments	3
Gum Treatments	4
Examinations	480

At the present time most of the pupils are in fair dental health. However there is still a considerable amount of dental care needed to put all mouths in good dental condition.

Respectfully submitted,

MALCOLM L. DANA, D.D.S.,
School Dentist

SCHOOL CENSUS
October 1, 1956

	Boys	Girls
Five years or over and under seven	71	69
Seven years or over and under sixteen	257	272
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Totals	328	341
Distribution of the Above Minors		
In public day school membership:		
Five years or over and under seven		125
Seven years or over and under sixteen		514
In Private School Membership:		
Five years or over and under seven		3
Seven years or over and under sixteen		6
In Parochial School:		
Seven years or over and under sixteen		1
In State and County Institutions and Special		
Schools for Defectives and Delinquents:		
Five years or over and under seven		1
Seven years or over and under sixteen		7
Not enrolled in any day school:		
Five years or over and under seven		11
Seven years or over and under sixteen		1
Total		669

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES
October 1, 1956

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
Kindergarten	32	24	56
1	38	36	74
2	33	34	67
3	37	35	72
4	30	32	62
5	29	33	62
6	21	27	48
7	24	35	59
8	18	26	44
9	26	21	47
10	17	16	33
11	17	14	31
12	16	21	37
Ungraded	18	19	37
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	356	373	729
Elementary		462 pupils	
Brooks Academy		75 pupils	
High School		192 pupils	
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Total		729 pupils	

TABULAR STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP
By Grades as of October 1946 - 56

Grade	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
1	47	50	61	59	51	64	74	89	82	72	74
2	38	43	35	58	58	51	54	63	77	78	67
3	43	41	38	40	57	57	52	58	61	68	72
4	36	42	42	41	43	54	53	52	54	62	62
5	38	32	43	45	48	37	51	53	52	49	62
6	30	39	39	41	47	50	39	57	57	57	48
Kindergarten											
Ungraded			16							42	56
7	39	38	48	47	43	48	45	39	53	57	37
8	32	40	27	29	43	44	47	42	43	49	59
9	38	31	33	32	30	39	35	43	41	35	44
10	21	20	29	33	30	30	39	31	37	36	47
11	12	22	27	25	33	26	28	35	26	36	33
12	11	11	24	29	24	30	26	29	31	27	31
P.G.				1							37
	385	409	462	480	507	530	543	591	614	674	729
7-12	153	162	188	196	203	217	220	219	231	240	251
1-6	232	247	274	284	304	313	323	372	383	434	478

CLASS DAY EXERCISES

1956

Wednesday Afternoon, June Sixth
High School Auditorium

GRADUATION EXERCISES

Class of 1956

Thursday Evening, June Seventh
Exchange Hall

CLASS OF 1956

College Preparatory Curriculum

Nancy Jane Andersson	Lee Wilson Hancock
Tress Anne Atkins	Richard Carleton Joy
George Charles Baldwin, Jr.	Mary Patricia Kelly
Ralph Francis Chase	James David Leonard
Paul Kenneth Donnelly	Judith Ellen Small
Russell Leffingwell Givin	Harold R. Wheeler

Commercial Curriculum

Glenda Faye Ewel	Juell Elizabeth Moody
Janice Barbara Handler	Jane Louise Peters
Lois Nancy Holmes	Evangeline Mae Robbins
Donna P. Lesser	Faye Elaine Smith

General Curriculum

Julio Barrows, Jr.	Robert LeRoy Nickerson
Harold James Chase	Clarence E. Oliver, Jr.
Frances J. Fennell	Roger Edward Pyy

BROOKS MEDAL RECIPIENTS

1956

Junior High School:	Karen Jorgensen—Grade 8
High School:	Judith Small—Grade 12
Elementary School:	Alice Van Buren—Grade 6

SCHOOL CALENDAR

School Year 1956 - 57

UNION #16

September 5, 1956 to December 21, 1956

January 2, 1957 to February 15, 1957

February 25, 1957 to April 12, 1957

April 22, 1957 to June 21, 1957

Days when Schools are not in Session

October 12, 1956—Friday—Columbus Day

October 19, 1956—Barnstable County Teachers Meeting

November 12, 1956—Monday—Veterans Day

November 29 & 30, 1956—Thursday & Friday—Thanksgiving
Recess

December 21, 1956—Friday—to January 2, 1957—Wednesday—
Christmas and New Year's Recess

February 15-25, 1957—Mid-Winter Vacation

April 12-22, 1957—Spring Vacation (includes Good Friday)

May 30, 1957—Thursday—Memorial Day

Graduation Date

Harwich—June 6, 1957 (Thursday Evening)

Closing Dates

Elementary Schools Friday, June 7, 1957

High School Friday, June 21, 1957

FALL 1957

September 6, 1957 — Friday — Teachers Meeting — Harwich
Elementary School

September 9, 1957—Monday—All Schools Re-open

October (one Friday)—Barnstable County Teachers Meeting

November 11, 1957—Monday—Veterans Day

November 28 & 29, 1957—Thursday & Friday—Thanksgiving
Recess

December 20, 1957—Friday—All Schools Close—Christmas
Vacation

CORPS OF TEACHERS—December, 1956

Name	Position	Preparation	Degree	Service in Harwich Began	Experience Prior to Sept. 1956	Address
Chauncey D. MacKay	High Prin.	Boston Univ., Ed.M.		11-23-53	32 yrs.	Harwich Port
Worraine Albee	High Assist.	Washington State, B.S.		9-5-56	2 yrs.	Harwich Port
Louise Aubrey	High Assist.	Framingham, B.S.		9-8-52	5 yrs.	Centerville
James B. Bolton	High Assist.	R. I. School of Design, B.S.		9-5-56	1 yr.	S. Orleans
George H. Colbert	High Assist.	Boston College, Ed.M.		9-7-55	22 yrs.	S. Chatham
May N. Cooper	High Assist.	Adelphi, Ed.M.		9-5-56	15 yrs.	Orleans
Meredith F. Drew	High Assist.	Salem Teachers Col., B.S.		9-5-56	4 yrs.	Hyannis
Charles E. Dunbar	High Assist.	Boston Univ., B.S.		9-9-53	6 yrs.	Harwich
Scott A. Ellis	High Assist.			10-1-42	14 yrs.	Harwich
Barbara Ford	High Assist.	Simmons Col., B.S.		10-8-56	0 yrs.	Harwich
Estelle Kimball	High Assist.	Radcliffe Col., A.B.		9-8-48	34 yrs.	W. Chatham
Hilliary M. LeClaire	High Assist.	Monson Academy		1-2-19	41 yrs.	Harwich Port
Arthur G. LaFrenier	High Assist.	Fitchburg Teachers, B.S.		9-7-55	1 yr.	Harwich Port
Anders R. Nelson	High Assist.	Fitchburg Teachers, Ed.M.		9-8-35	21 yrs.	Centerville
William M. Fish, Jr.	Brooks Prin.	Hyannis Teachers Col. & Boston Univ., Ed.M.		9-8-47	9 yrs.	Sandwich
Elna Nelson	Brooks Assist.	Hyannis Teachers, B.S.		11-30-53	11 yrs.	Centerville
Jane Alcock	Brooks Assist.	Wellesley Col., B.A.		9-7-55	2 yrs.	Chatham
Donald C. Nesmith	Elem. Prin.	N. E. University & Bridgewater Teachers, Ed.M.		9-8-54	7 yrs.	W. Harwich
Hilda P. Adams	Elem. Assist.	Hyannis Normal		9-7-49	17 yrs.	Harwich Port
Katherine Armeson	Elem. Assist.	Grassland, Iowa; Boston Univ. & Hyannis Teachers		3-1-55	8 yrs.-4 mos.	Dennisport
Norma Avellar	Elem. Assist.	Brandeis Univ. & Bridgewater Teachers, B.A.		9-7-55	1 yr.	Chatham
Cora D. Chase	Elem. Assist.	Hyannis Normal		1923	33 yrs.	Harwich Port
Maule W. Chase	Elem. Assist.	Bridgewater Teachers, B.S.		9-9-53	5 yrs.	Eastham
Phyllis Collins	Elem. Assist.	Bridgewater Teachers, B.S.		11-21-55	4 yrs.	S. Eastham
Eleanor Connors	Elem. Assist.	Perry Normal School		9-7-55	1 yr.	Harwich Port
Helen R. Drake	Elem. Assist.	Bridgewater & Columbia		9-10-46	27 yrs.	Harwich

Name	Position	Preparation	Degree	Service in Harwich Began	Experience Prior to Sept. 1956	Address
Anna M. Gott	Elem. Assist.	Simmons Col., B.S.		9-8-54	12 yrs.	Harwich
Gloria Hallett	Elem. Assist.	Perry Kindergarten		9-8-54	2 yrs.	W. Harwich
Lucy Higgins	Elem. Assist.	Eastern State Normal		9-8-54	4 yrs.	W. Harwich
Muriel MacKay	Elem. Assist.	Boston Univ., B.S.		9-8-54	9 yrs.	Harwich Port
Elizabeth S. Miller	Elem. Assist.	Buffalo Teachers, B.S.		4-1-48	14½ yrs.	Harwich Port
Ruth M. Nickerson	Elem. Assist.	Hyannis Normal		9-10-45	17 yrs.	S. Harwich
Ruth C. Norris	Elem. Assist.	Bridgewater Teachers, B.S.		9-5-56	9 yrs.	Hyannis
Helen Perisho	Elem. Assist.	Penna. College, B.S.		9-6-50	15½ yrs.	W. Harwich
Jane Reynolds	Elem. Assist.	Perry Normal		9-7-55	1 yr.	Harwich Port
Elizabeth Terrio	Elem. Assist.	Emmanuel Col., A.B.		9-9-53	3 yrs.	Bass River
Helen Vial	Elem. Assist.	Sargent-Harvard		9-8-52	7½ yrs.	W. Dennis
James W. Alcock	Guidance	Univ. of Miami, A.B.		9-8-54	2 yrs.	Chatham
Edward Bolton	Art Supervisor	Tufts, B.S.		9-5-56	5 yrs.	Eastham
Harriett Chace	Elem. Supervisor	Columbia Univ. & Hyannis Teachers, Ph.D.		9-8-54	25 yrs.	Osterville
Samuel Griffiths	Inst. Music	N. E. Cons. of Music, Florida-Southern Col., Chicago Cons. of Music, Ed.M.		9-7-55	22 yrs.	Hyannis
Iris McKenney	Vocal Music	Tufts, A.B.		9-5-56	4 yrs.	Harwich
Salvatore Piccolo	Inst. Music	Malkin Cons. of Music, B.M.		9-9-53	9 yrs.	S. Harwich
Vernon Smith	Art Assist.	N. Y. School of Applied & Fine Arts		1-3-55	1½ yrs.	Orleans
Webster W. Tileston	Vocal Music	N. E. Conservatory, B.M.		1-2-46	24 yrs.	S. Chatham

TEACHERS WHO HAVE LEFT HARWICH SCHOOL SERVICE DURING 1956

Name	Dates of Service	Length of Service in Harwich
C. Leo Ferris	9-5-53 6-15-56	3 yrs.
Winifred B. Reynolds	12-5-55 6-15-56	6 mos.
Ruth Roberts	9-7-55 6-15-56	1 yr.
Thora A. Walker	9-7-55 6-15-56	1 yr.

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